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WHILE WE ARE NOT OFFERING A NURSERY AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE MADE A SPACE IN THE MODULE WITH A LIVESTREAM OF THE SERVICE, COUCHES, AND A DIAPER CHANGING CART. PLEASE USE THIS SPACE AS NEEDED.

*East Charlotte Pres is a church that strives to be defined by the Gospel-  
inviting everyone to See, Savor, and Serve Jesus as the Author & Perfecter of our faith.*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2021



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### SONG OF PRAISE

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME R. Redhead | C. Miner

God be merciful to me / On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou / Blot out my transgression now  
Wash me, make me pure within / Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess / Grief and guilt my soul oppress  
I have sinned against Thy grace / And provoked Thee to Thy face  
I confess Thy judgment just / Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born in sin / Thou desirest truth within  
Thou alone my Savior art / Teach Thy wisdom to my heart  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow / Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust / By Thy wrath and judgment just  
Let my contrite heart rejoice / And in gladness hear Thy voice  
From my sins O hide Thy face / Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew / Make my spirit right and true  
Cast me not away from Thee / Let Thy Spirit dwell in me  
Thy salvation's joy impart / Steadfast make my willing heart

## COURTNEY SCHNEE

REV. TYLER DIRKS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY  
J. B. Dykes | R. Heber

## - ANNOUNCEMENTS -

VBS UPDATE: NEW DATE – Please adjust your calendars for the new VBS date: July 5th-9th and same theme: *ROAR: Life is Wild. God is Good.* We will partner with ARPC and will need behind-the-scenes help, setup, volunteers, and your prayers. Please start praying now! Contact Kristen (parman.kristen@gmail.com) if you plan to be involved.

SPRING WOMEN'S SEMINAR – Ladies, mark your calendars and make plans to join us for "For Your Joy & Your Faith" spring seminar on May 8th from 9 am- 12:30 pm. We look forward to unpacking this theme in the life of Leah and other texts. The seminar will include two sessions taught by Tyler & Justin as well as lunch. All women 6th grade and older are invited to join us! To RSVP, please contact Kelly Clark (717364-4087, itskel@gmail.com).

## - UPCOMING EVENTS -

<b>APR 28</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>APR 28</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>APR 30</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>MAY 2</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP
<b>MAY 5</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>MAY 5</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>MAY 7</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>MAY 8</b>	SPRING WOMEN'S SEMINAR
<b>MAY 9</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP
<b>MAY 12</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>MAY 12</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>MAY 14</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>MAY 16</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP
<b>MAY 19</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>MAY 19</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>MAY 21</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>MAY 23</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP
<b>JULY 5-9</b>	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING, WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU ARE HERE!  
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COMPLETE A VISITOR'S CARD AND LEAVE IT IN THE TITHE BOX  
SO THAT WE CAN GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER. THANK YOU!

## SONG OF RESPONSE

For all the saints who from their labors rest  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest  
Alleluia! Allelu

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight  
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light  
Alleluia! Allelu

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold  
Alleluia! Allelu

The golden evening brightens in the west  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed  
Alleluia, Allelu

O blest communion, fellowship divine  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine  
Alleluia! Allelu

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array  
The King of glory passes on His way  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## BENEDICTION

## FOR ALL THE SAINTS

*W. H. How | C. Miner*

REV. TYLER DIRKS

Sinners then shall learn from me / And return, O God, to Thee  
Savior, all my guilt remove / And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord / And my mouth shall praise accord

## RIISING ADULTS MISSIONS MOMENT

JOEL MAY

## CONFESSION OF SIN

JOEL MAY

Almighty Father, we confess that we prioritize our own pleasure over the pursuit of holiness. We put more stock in false messages of self-help than we do in the gospel message of Christ's redemption freely offered to sinners. We repent of our goal of simply "keeping the peace" rather than speaking the truth in love and exhorting our brothers and sisters in the faith. We confess that we often think of ourselves as more significant than the people around us. Lord, please make us bold. Lord, please make us humble. Lord, please make us gracious. Lord, please make us holy.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

*.J. Robinson, R. Thompson, M. Farren*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

### SONG OF PREPARATION

### JESUS, I COME (OUT OF MY BONDAGE)

*W. Sleeper | G. Thompson*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of my sickness into Thy health, Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee

### THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### PASTORAL PRAYER

MIKE SCHNEE



### PREACHING OF THE WORD

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### “PERPLEXING PEOPLE”

GALATIANS 4:8-20

#### I. CRAVING SLAVERY

#### II. CRUCIFYING SLAVERY

#### - REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) C.S. Lewis said, “It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” How are you currently craving and choosing the slavery of familiarity and felt-safety, and rejecting God’s adventurous offer to live by faith in Him?
- 2) Read all of Paul’s letters and underline everything you disagree with. Then decide if the apostle Paul has become your enemy by telling you the truth (Galatians 4:16).
- 3) How are you currently (specifically) being entreated by God to get weak (see Gal. 4:12; 2:20; & 2 Cor. 12:9)?
- 4) How are you currently ‘shopping’ for people who will simply tell you what you want to hear (i.e. people who will make much of you, so that you will make much of them)?
- 5) How have you been blessed by true siblings in Christ who faithfully wound you with the sword (or scalpel) of God’s blessedly offensive Word?