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WHILE WE ARE ONLY OFFERING NURSERY FOR CHILDREN WALKING THROUGH AGE 2 AT THIS TIME (9 AM SERVICE ONLY), WE HAVE MADE A SPACE IN THE MODULE WITH A LIVESTREAM OF THE SERVICE AND COUCHES. PLEASE USE THIS SPACE AS NEEDED. A DIAPER CHANGING CART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

*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, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2021



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LINDA WILKINSON

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF PRAISE

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

*R. Robinson | J. Wyeth*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it - Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, here by Thy great help I've come  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it - Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it - Seal it for Thy courts above

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in blood washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;  
Send thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless day.

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

*M. Boswell, M. Papa, M. Bleecker*

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected as will we be when He comes  
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive!

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Please make plans to join us for a mini-congregational meeting next Sunday, May 30th from 10:30-10:45 am to pray for Tyler's sabbatical and announce the need for a Rising Adults staff position as we approach the turn a new fiscal year.

VBS REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER NEEDS -Registration is now open and pre-registration is required this year for "VBS: Life Is Wild. God Is Good." from July 5-9 (9:30 am-12:20 pm). Please see the "Weekly Update" email to register by June 18th. Share with your friends and neighbors! We still need a few volunteers: Games Leader (daily), "Littles" childcare (daily need but can be filled by volunteering just a couple days), and Friday small group leader. We also need donations of hand sanitizer (small pumps) and Lysol spray. Lastly, we need your prayers! If you'd like to be on a prayer team, contact Kristen!

SUMMER 2021 FAMILY EVENTS - Mark your calendars for our family fun events this summer! More information coming soon! June 2nd- Summer Kickoff Family Fun Night; June 25th- Church lunch; August 20th- End of Summer Family Fun Night.

WOMEN'S SUMMER CASUAL FELLOWSHIP - Ladies, mark your calendars and make plans to join us for three Bible studies with Sarah Ivill this summer- June 23rd, July 7th, and July 21st. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

- MAY 26** YOUTH GROUP
- MAY 26** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 28** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 30** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- MAY 30** CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
- JUNE 2** SUMMER KICKOFF FAMILY FUN NIGHT
- JUNE 4** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- JUNE 6** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- JUNE 9** YOUTH GROUP

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

O Love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in Thee  
I give Thee back the life I owe  
That in Thine ocean depths it's flow  
May richer fuller be

O Light that follow'st all my way  
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to Thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

## BENEDICTION

## O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

*C. Miner | G. Matheson*

REV. TYLER DIRKS

## NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION & BAPTISM

REV. TYLER DIRKS

[9 AM SERVICE]  
ANN HAWKES  
RJ CLOUSE  
MEGAN CLOUSE  
[EVERETT, VIVIENNE, HAZEL, IRIS, OTTO, PENELOPE]  
JOHN CARRAHER JR  
JIM SAUNDERS  
REBECCA SAUNDERS

BAPTISM: PENELOPE LOUISE CLOUSE

[11 AM SERVICE]  
JOHN PATALAK  
LYDIA PATALAK  
DUKE PATALAK  
BELLA PATALAK  
ASHER PATALAK  
SAIGE PATALAK  
SARAH PATALAK  
TYLER SINCLAIR  
KOURTNEY SINCLAIR  
LAUREN HARMON

BAPTISM: LAUREN HARMON

## CONFESSION OF SIN

BAILEY WAGNER

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 103:8-14

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

I ASKED THE LORD  
*J. Newton | L. Taylor*

I asked the Lord that I might grow / In faith and love and every grace  
Might more of His salvation know / And seek more earnestly His face  
Twas He who taught me thus to pray / And He I trust has answered prayer  
But it has been in such a way / As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour / At once He'd answer my request  
And by His love's constraining power / Subdue my sins and give me rest  
Instead of this He made me feel / The hidden evils of my heart  
And let the angry powers of Hell / Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed / Intent to aggravate my woe  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, / Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried / Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?  
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied / "I answer prayer for grace and faith"  
These inward trials I employ / From self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy / That thou mayest seek thy all in me

## SONG OF PREPARATION

WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT  
*C. Winkworth, S. Rodigast, K. Getty, M. Merker*

Whate'er my God ordains is right, His holy will abideth;  
I will be still whate'er He does, And follow where He guideth.  
He is my God, though dark my road; He holds me that I shall not fall;  
And so to Him I leave it all, And so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me;  
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.  
I take, content, what He has sent; His hand can turn my griefs away;  
And patiently I wait His day, And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, unshrinking.  
My God is true, each morn anew Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;  
And pain and sorrow shall depart, And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall;  
And so to Him I leave it all, And so to Him I leave it all.

## 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

ALEX PARMAN

**CHILDREN OF  
PROMISE**  
*[PAUL'S LETTER TO GALATIA]*



## PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

### "BEHIND THE BOAST" GALATIANS 6:1-10

#### I. COMPARISON & CAUTION

#### II. CHRIST-CENTERED CARE

#### - REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) What are 3 specific ways you console yourself by comparing yourself to others? In other words, what are some ways you honestly believe you're incapable of sinning?
- 2) What are 3 specific strategies you employ to hide and avoid being blamed?
- 3) When was a time you were caught in sin, and someone spiritual restored you with a spirit of gentleness?
- 4) Go back and re-read the entire letter of Galatians, and underline every instance where Paul says something offensive and/or abrasive. Consider why Paul feels compelled to ask, "Have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?" Answer the question, "Has Paul stopped caring for the Galatians by sending this strong letter of admonition?" ...With that in mind, what GOOD THINGS do you think Paul would like the Galatians to share with him (Gal. 6:6)?