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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, 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, MAY 9TH, 2021



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RACHEL VAUGHN

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF PRAISE

JESUS WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

J. W. Chapman | R.H. Prichard

Jesus! What a friend for sinners, Jesus, lover of my soul
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole

chorus

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving

He is with me to the end

Jesus! What a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in him
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins

Jesus what a guide and keeper, while the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night o'er takes me, He my pilot, hears my cry

Jesus! I do now receive, him, more than all in him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine

HIS MERCY IS MORE

M. Boswell | M. Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

chorus

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

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 BIBLE STUDY – 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.

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.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

- MAY 12** YOUTH GROUP
- MAY 12** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 14** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 16** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- MAY 19** YOUTH GROUP
- MAY 19** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 21** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 23** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- MAY 26** YOUTH GROUP
- MAY 26** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 28** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 30** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- JUNE 2** SUMMER KICKOFF FAMILY FUN NIGHT
- JULY 5-9** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- JULY 25** CHURCH LUNCH
- AUG 20** END OF SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BENEDICTION

IN CHRIST ALONE

K. Getty, S. Townsend

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Anna Jubilee Jones
Theo Shepherd Jones
Owen Lazarus Jones*

REV. TYLER DIRKS

CONFESSION OF SIN

It is hard for us to admit what we are about to say.
You have given us freedom to love and serve one another.
But we use our freedom to indulge our flesh.
You have liberated us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
But we bite and devour one another.
You have explicitly told us that the only thing that counts for anything is faith working through love.
But we keep submitting to the slavery of self-preservation and self-promotion.
Please forgive us our sins and cleanse us from this unrighteousness in our souls.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 JOHN 1:9

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

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

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

J. Robinson, R. Thompson, M. Faren

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

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

K. Getty, S. Townsend

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then Nailed to a cross of wood

Oh to see the pain written on Your face Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your blood-stained brow

chorus

*This the pow'r of the cross Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath We stand forgiven at the cross*

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath Quakes as its maker bows his head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life 'Finished!' the victory cry

Oh to see my name written in the wound For through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live Won through Your selfless love

chorus 2

*This the pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us
What a life, what a cost We stand forgiven at the cross*

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

REV. TYLER DIRKS

CHILDREN OF PROMISE

[PAUL'S LETTER TO GALATIA]



PREACHING OF THE WORD

MR. JOEL MAY

“WHAT IS IT ALL FOR?”

GALATIANS 5:1-15

I. THE PROMISE OF FREEDOM

II. THE PROBLEM OF FREEDOM

III. THE PURPOSE OF FREEDOM

– REFLECTION QUESTIONS –

- 1) What are some ways that you feel pressured to perform perfectly?
- 2) How does your full and final freedom in Christ help you understand the Law?
- 3) What are some ways you see believers act like slaves to "human achievement" today?
- 4) What are some ways you can make your freedom about self-sacrifice rather than self-satisfaction?