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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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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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BEHIND THE
SCENES
THE STORY
OF ESTHER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your word to me
Through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me

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.

CAITLIN BRIAN

REV. TYLER DIRKS

O GREAT GOD

B. Kaufflin

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

LIFE GROUPS – Life groups at ECPC have begun! Life groups are a core ministry of our church. Our hope is that these small groups would foster a community where they are essentially living life together as brothers and sisters in God's family. We hope that you will consider investing in one of our life groups! For more information about life groups at ECPC please see the bulletin insert or talk with one our officers.

ROOTS CLASS – If you are a visitor and are interested in church membership or would simply like more information about ECPC, then you are invited to our next Roots class on Friday, October 1st from 6-9 pm (location TBD). This class is required for membership. Please RSVP to Katie (admin@eastcharlottepres.org) so we can prepare for your attendance. We hope to see you there!

CREW SUMMER STORIES – Young adults and singles, we hope that you will mark your calendars for our final Summer Stories event of the Summer on September 24th at 6:30 pm at at the James Jordan's home (8612 Sam Dee Rd). Please bring a drink or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

SEPT 15	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 15	YOUTH GROUP
SEPT 17	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 24	CREW SUMMER STORIES
SEPT 26	SUNDAY WORSHIP
SEPT 29	YOUTH GROUP
OCT 1	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 1	ROOTS CLASS
OCT 3	SUNDAY WORSHIP
OCT 6	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 6	YOUTH GROUP
OCT 8	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 10	SUNDAY WORSHIP
OCT 13	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 15	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 15	TAVERN TALK

WHILE NURSERY FOR CHILDREN WALKING THROUGH AGE 3 IS NOW AVAILABLE, WE HAVE ALSO MADE A SPACE IN THE MODULE WITH COUCHES AND A LIVESTREAM OF THE SERVICE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE THIS SPACE AS NEEDED.

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. Townend

CONFESION OF SIN

JUSTIN CLARK

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 103:8-12

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

How DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

S. Townend

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow'r's, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION

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!

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

JUSTIN CLARK

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

J. Robinson, R. Thompson, M. Farren

BEHIND THE SCENES

THE STORY OF ESTHER

"IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU."

ESTHER 1:10-22

PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

I. WARNING SIGNS

II. DIE TO SELF

- REFLECTION QUESTION -

- 1) When was a time you completely poured yourself into something, but you still felt empty?
Why didn't it satisfy you?
- 2) How, specifically, are you using, managing, or avoiding people instead of loving them?
- 3) When are you easily angered?
- 4) Read Mark 7:9. In what ways are you doing this?
- 5) In what ways are you ruled by fear? Will you seriously commit to memorizing and sumptuously meditating on 1 John 4:18-19 for the entirety of the upcoming week?
- 6) In what ways are you protecting yourself from "Never being hurt or humiliated ever again?"
- 7) How have you experienced the liberty of dying to self?
- 8) How have you experienced the supernatural confidence of your life being hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3; John 3:30)?
- 9) How have you experienced the joy of NOT leaning on your own understanding, but instead trusting in God will ALL your heart (Proverbs 3:5)?