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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

LINDA WILKINSON

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF PRAISE

COME YE SINNERS
J. Hart | M. S. Smith

Come ye sinners poor and wretched / Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you / Full of pity joined with power
He is able, He is able / He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome / God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money / Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden / Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better / You will never come at all
Not the righteous, not the righteous / Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger / Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you / 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo The Incarnate God ascended / Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus / Can do helpless sinners good

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY
C. Winkworth | J. Neander, C. Nockels, N. Nockels

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

chorus

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

TAVERN TALK – Our next Tavern Talk is coming soon! We hope that you will make plans for Friday, October 15th from 6:30- 8pm in the Fellowship Hall. This session's topic is "Frightened By The Holy Ghost." Childcare will be available. Questions? Please see James Jordan (jpjordan1987@gmail.com).

RAISING BOYS & GIRLS – Kids are amazing, and kids are exhausting. You're so in love with your kids, and your kids are always disrupting your "peace" and quiet and comfort. You want to give your kids the best life, and at the same time you don't want to hassle with the inconvenience of offering them the benefit of healthy consequences. All that to say, you need help! We strongly encourage you to mark your calendars for the "Raising Boys & Girls" parenting conference on November 19th and 20th hosted by Hope Community Church and led by David Thomas and Sissy Goff. For more information and to register, please see the Weekly Update email.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

OCT 13	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 15	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 15	TAVERN TALK
OCT 17	SUNDAY WORSHIP
OCT 20	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 20	YOUTH GROUP
OCT 22	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 24	SUNDAY WORSHIP
OCT 27	YOUTH GROUP
OCT 29	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 29-31	WOMEN'S RETREAT
OCT 31	SUNDAY WORSHIP
NOV 3	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
NOV 5	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
NOV 5-7	YOUTH RETREAT
NOV 7	SUNDAY WORSHIP
NOV 10	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
NOV 10	YOUTH GROUP

WHILE NURSERY FOR CHILDREN WALKING THROUGH AGE 3 IS 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

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

C. Miner | S. Stennett

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possession's lie

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away

chorus

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the Promised Land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the Promised Land*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest

BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING, WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU ARE HERE AND
WOULD LOVE TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER! PLEASE CONSIDER FILLING OUT A VISITOR'S
CARD FOUND ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR GIVE
TO TYLER OR ONE OF OUR OTHER OFFICERS. THANK YOU!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

REV. TYLER DIRKS

Elijah Grant Morgan
Patrick & Erin Morgan

Calvin Amos Smith
Reagan Azalea Smith
Rosalie Magnolia Nissi Smith
Chris & Laura Smith

CONFESSION OF SIN

MIKE SCHNEE

All: Hear our words and our groanings, O Lord. Give attention to our cry for mercy.

Leader: You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; You abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

All: But, O Lord, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful, and bloodthirsty.

Leader: By your mercy alone, by the abundance of your steadfast love may we enter your house.

All: Because of your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in you. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy. Cover us with your favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

EZEKIEL 36:25-28

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

I SURRENDER ALL

J. VanDeVenter | W. Weeden

All to Jesus, I surrender, all to Him I freely give
May I ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live

chorus

*I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all*

All to Jesus, I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now

All to Jesus, I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know Thy power divine

All to Jesus, I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy loving and power, let Thy blessing fall on me

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION

Abide with me / Fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens / Lord with me abide
When other helpers / Fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless / Abide with me

Thou on my head in / Early youth did smile
And, though rebellious / And perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me / Though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord / Abide with me

I need Thy presence / Every passing hour
What but Thy grace can / Foil the tempter's power
Who, like Thyself my / Guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine / Abide with me

I fear no foe / With Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight / Tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death / Where grave thy victory
I triumph still / Abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross / Before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and / Point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks and / Earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, Lord / Abide with 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

ABIDE WITH ME
H. Lyte | J. Smith

MIKE SCHNEE

BEHIND THE SCENES THE STORY OF ESTHER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“HOPE AGAINST HOPE”
ESTHER 3:12-15

I. CONSIDER THE FACTS

II. CRY OUT TO GOD

III. GET YOUR HOPES UP

– REFLECTION QUESTION –

- 1) What hard truths are you presently trying to avoid?
- 2) Who do you VENT to? Have you ever thoroughly vented to God? Imaginatively immerse yourself in Psalm 73:1-15 and describe how it feels to talk to God like this.
- 3) How do you strengthen your assurance of things hoped for and your certainty of things unseen?
- 4) How, specifically, do you need to get your hopes up these days?