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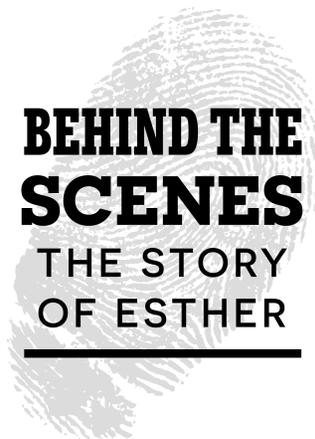


## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

*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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A large, light-colored fingerprint graphic is positioned behind the text. The text "BEHIND THE SCENES" is in a large, bold, black font. Below it, "THE STORY OF ESTHER" is in a smaller, bold, black font. A thick black horizontal line is positioned below the text.

**BEHIND THE  
SCENES**  
THE STORY  
OF ESTHER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KATIE BLUMENSTEIN

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

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

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

*E. Mote | W.B. Bradbury*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

**chorus**

*On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

PRAY FOR ME PHOTOS ARE HERE! – We still have some photos that need a home for prayer! All member and regular attender households are encouraged to pick up 1 or 2 photos of our children. Hang the photo in a place you'll see it and pray for your child throughout the year. Name and birthday are on the back of each photo. Don't know who the child is? Ask any child running around and they can introduce you. Thank you for committing to pray for these covenant children!

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 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
- NOV 12** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- NOV 12** TAVERN TALK IT OUT
- NOV 14** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- NOV 17** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- NOV 17** YOUTH GROUP
- NOV 19** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

## WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

*S. McCracken*

### chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion, We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together, We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood, Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom

## BENEDICTION

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## NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

Olivia Domras  
Jacob Frey  
Ian and Martha Robinson  
(Simone, Evelyn, Alec, & Vivian)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

BASED ON ISAIAH 48:1-5, 9-11, 17-18

Lord, we come to You confessing. You speak to Your people who are called by Your name. We confess you as God, but not in truth or righteousness. We call ourselves after Your name and declare that we are stayed on You. O Lord, You have declared and announced what You would do and You did it. But You knew we are obstinate, slow to submit, hard of heart. You declared what You would do so that we could not claim we made things happen in our own strength or by human means. But For the sake of Your name, You defer Your anger. For the sake of Your praise, You restrain Your anger that we may not be cut off. You have refined us in the furnace of affliction so that Your name would not be profaned. Your glory You will not give to another. By nature, we desire to steal glory for ourselves. For You are our Redeemer and the Holy One of Israel, and You declare, "I am the Lord your God who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go." O that we would pay attention to Your commandments! Then our peace would be like a river, and our righteousness like the waves of the sea.

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOHN 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

## 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 powr'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

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!

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### SONG OF PREPARATION

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

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

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

ALEX PARMAN



## BEHIND THE SCENES

### THE STORY OF ESTHER

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

#### “HOW COURAGE WORKS”

ESTHER 4:12-17

#### I. FAITHFUL WOUNDS

#### II. CLARIFY YOUR CALLING

#### III. FEEL YOUR NEED OF HIM

#### – REFLECTION QUESTION –

- 1) Read Proverbs 27:5-6. When was a time a friend faithfully wounded you?
- 2) When was a time you did something you were afraid to do?
- 3) What does courage look like in your particular calling?
- 4) Read Matthew 3:8 and 2 Corinthians 12:9. Do you agree with these strategies for fruitfulness and power?
- 5) How have you personally experienced fruitfulness born out of repentance?
- 6) How have you personally experienced God perfecting His power through weakness?
- 7) How has the Holy Spirit specifically compelled you to feel your neediness?