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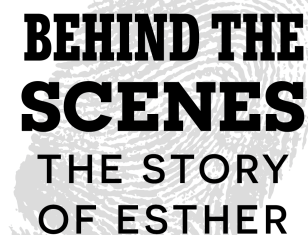


## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</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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**BEHIND THE  
SCENES**  
THE STORY  
OF ESTHER

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### SONG OF PRAISE

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

#### chorus

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great, And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day, when my strength is failing  
The end draws near, and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

COURTNEY SCHNEE

REV. TYLER DIRKS

HIS MERCY IS MORE

*M. Boswell | M. Papa*

10,000 REASONS

*M. Redman, J. Myrin*

## - ANNOUNCEMENTS -

TAVERN TALK – Our next Tavern Talk is coming soon! We hope that you will make plans for Friday, October 15th from 6:30 - 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This session's topic is "Frightened By The Holy Ghost." Childcare will be available. Look for an email sign-up soon.

CHURCH WORK DAY – Mark your calendars for our next church wide work day on October 9th from 8am-12pm. More information coming soon. If you have any questions, please see Alex Parman (awparman@gmail.com) or Tim Blumenstein (timblumenstein@gmail.com).

YOUTH RETREAT – There are still a few spots open for our youth retreat on Nov 5-7 at Ridge Haven! For more information and the registration link, please see the weekly email update. If you have any questions, please see Bailey Wagner (baileywagner01@gmail.com).

## - UPCOMING EVENTS -

<b>OCT 6</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 6</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>OCT 8</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 9</b>	CHURCH WORK DAY
<b>OCT 10</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP
<b>OCT 13</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 15</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 15</b>	TAVERN TALK
<b>OCT 17</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP
<b>OCT 20</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 20</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>OCT 22</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 24</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP
<b>OCT 27</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>OCT 29</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 29-31</b>	WOMEN'S RETREAT
<b>OCT 31</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP

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.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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### SONG OF RESPONSE

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

#### chorus

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

### BENEDICTION

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### HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

*A. R. Habershon, M. Merker*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION 5.1

God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

JUSTIN CLARK

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ISAIAH 53:1-5

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

*R. Lowry*

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

#### chorus

*O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my cleansing this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my pardon this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### SONG OF PREPARATION

#### NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

*H. Bonar | K. Twit*

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load

Thy work alone O Christ, can ease this weight of sin  
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me O God, not mine O Lord to Thee  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free!

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak  
Thy power alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break  
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do  
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through

I praise the God of grace; I trust His truth and might  
He calls me His, I call Him mine, my God, my joy, my light  
'Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives

### 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

## BEHIND THE SCENES

### THE STORY OF ESTHER

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“GOD AT WORK”  
ESTHER 3:1-11

- I. INJUSTICE
- II. DICE & DIVINE JEALOUSY
- III. WRATH & MERCY

#### - REFLECTION QUESTION -

- 1) What injustices really bother you?
- 2) How do you feel about casting lots?
- 3) How do you feel about Proverbs 16:33?
- 4) Read Exodus 17:14-16 and Deuteronomy 25:17-19 and 1 Samuel 15:18-23. How do you feel about the divine jealousy and inescapable wrath of God?
- 5) How do you feel about 2 Corinthians 5:21?
- 6) How do you feel about Romans 11:32?