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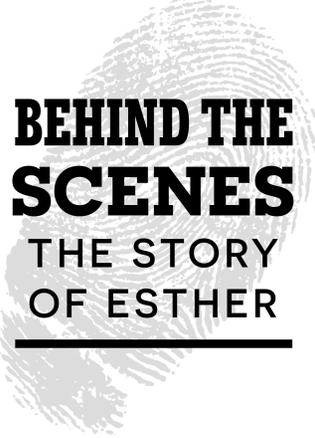


ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 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

RACHEL VAUGHN

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF PRAISE

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.

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

H. Lyte | B. Moore

Jesus, I my cross have taken / All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken / Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition / All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition / God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me / They have left my Savior, too
Human hearts and looks deceive me / Thou art not, like them, untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me / God of wisdom, love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me / Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me / 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me / Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me / While Thy love is left to me
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me / Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Haste thee on from grace to glory / Armed by faith, and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee / God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission / Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition / Faith to sight, and prayer to praise

NURSERY CHANGES - We have temporarily relocated the nursery to the basement while we're renovating the sanctuary and holding services in the fellowship hall. You're still welcome to check children 6 wks to 3 yrs in as early as 9:15 or anytime during the service, we just ask that potty trained children be taken to the bathroom before checking them in. Children are also always welcome to stay with you in service and the side rooms remain open if you prefer to quietly use those.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Ladies, join us for our annual Women's Christmas Party on Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm (1160 Ben Black Rd, Midland, NC). Please bring a mug filled with your favorite tea bags for a fun mug exchange. RSVP using the link in the weekly email. Additionally, if you are able to, please sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. Please reach out to Rachel Vaughn with any questions (vaughnrachel@gmail.com or 980-245-6487). We look forward to seeing you there!

HOMELESS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY - ECPC will be assisting Albemarle Rd Presbyterian Church as they host Room In The Inn, which provides food and overnight lodging for homeless individuals during the winter. ARPC will host approximately 15 people every Wednesday night from 12/8 - 3/31/22. ARPC has done this ministry for approx. 20 years and it is well organized. Contact Jim Saunders for more information at 704-361-0973. A volunteer sign-up will be coming soon.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

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| NOV 28 | SUNDAY WORSHIP |
| DEC 1 | YOUTH GROUP |
| DEC 2 | WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DESSERT |
| DEC 3 | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY |
| DEC 5 | SUNDAY WORSHIP |
| DEC 8 | YOUTH GROUP |
| DEC 10 | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY |
| DEC 12 | SUNDAY WORSHIP |
| DEC 15 | YOUTH GROUP |
| DEC 17 | 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF RESPONSE

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All

BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

CONFESSION OF SIN

JON WILKINSON

Father, we confess that we are wholly undeserving of your righteousness and mercy. We acknowledge with our mouths that you are Lord but attempt to lord over our own lives through our actions. We are focused on fulfilling our own aspirations rather than fulfilling the work for which you have placed us in your Kingdom. We are called to follow the example Jesus set during his time on earth, yet we do not follow this example. Though Jesus was a servant, we strive to rule. Though Jesus was humble, we are arrogant. Though Jesus was obedient to the point of death on a cross, we strive for worldly comforts. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 69:33-36

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME
R. Redhead | C. Miner

God be merciful to me / On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou / Blot out my transgression now
Wash me, make me pure within / Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess / Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace / And provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just / Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born in sin / Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art / Teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow / Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust / By Thy wrath and judgment just
Let my contrite heart rejoice / And in gladness hear Thy voice
From my sins O hide Thy face / Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew / Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee / Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart / Steadfast make my willing heart

Sinners then shall learn from me / And return, O God, to Thee
Savior, all my guilt remove / And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord / And my mouth shall praise accord

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

JESUS I AM RESTING RESTING

D.B. Hampton | J.S. Pigott

Jesus I am resting, resting, In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness, Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole

chorus

*Jesus I am resting, resting, In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness, Of Thy loving heart*

Oh how great Thy loving kindness, Vaster broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness, Lavished all on me
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved, Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know the certainty of promise, And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless, satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings, Meets supplies its ev'ry need
Surrounding me with blessings, Thine is love indeed

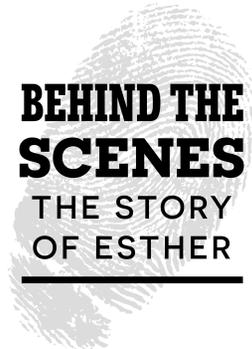
Ever lift Thy face upon me, As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, Earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting, resting, Fill me with Thy grace

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

JON WILKINSON



BEHIND THE SCENES

THE STORY OF ESTHER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“THE PROTEST PROCESS”

ESTHER 6:14 – 7:6

I. TIMING

II. TACT

III. LOVE

– REFLECTION QUESTION –

- 1) When was a time you felt compelled to protest? How did you go about it?
- 2) What's one specific way you can appropriate and apply Psalm 37:7 in your life right now?
- 3) As you contemplate the shrewdness of Esther's protest process (and/or the process by which William Wilberforce protested the slave trade) how might you adopt and operate with similar shrewdness and tact?
- 4) As you assess what you're passionate about, is the foundation, framework, and flavor of your passion truly loving? Read 1 Corinthians 13 to better assess yourself.