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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>ST</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

STEPHANIE BAKER

- 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

HIS MERCY IS MORE

*M. Boswell | M. Papa*

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

HOMELESS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY - Jim Saunders has been telling us about a great opportunity to love our homeless neighbors this winter providing food and overnight lodging every Wednesday night from 12/8 - 3/31/22. We'll be coming along side Albemarle Rd. Presbyterian Church and, Brenley Ogden, the coordinator from ARPC, will be here during our fellowship time today to answer any questions. A volunteer sign-up was included in this week's email so make sure you ask Brenley any questions and look through that signup to find a way to serve. See Jim Saunders for more information - 704-361-0973.

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](mailto:vaughnrachel@gmail.com) or 980-245-6487). We look forward to seeing you there!

LESSONS & CAROLS - Mark your calendars (and don't plan anything else so you can make it!) for this years Lessons and Carols gathering. Please join us at 6pm on December 24th @ 10101 for a time of worship as we prepare Him room.

## - UPCOMING EVENTS -

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
DEC 19	SUNDAY WORSHIP
DEC 24	LESSONS & CAROLS
DEC 26	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.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

O Love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in Thee  
I give Thee back the life I owe  
That in Thine ocean depths it's flow  
May richer fuller be

O Light that follow'st all my way  
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to Thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

## BENEDICTION

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## O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

*C. Miner | G. Matheson*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

ALEX PARMEN

Lord, we come confessing. To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. Our God, in you we trust. Let us not be put to shame; let not our enemies' triumph over us. Make us to know Your ways and teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth and teach us. You are the God of our salvation. May we wait for you all the day long. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth and our transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord! For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Consider our afflictions and our troubles, and forgive all our sins. You lead the humble in what is right. May we be humble; teach us Your way. All of Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep Your covenant and Your testimonies.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I JOHN 1:7-9

## 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 power'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

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, thou forever wilt be

chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

### 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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS  
*T. O. Chisholm | W. M. Runyan*

ALEX PARMEN

## BEHIND THE SCENES THE STORY OF ESTHER

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“TRADING PLACES”  
ESTHER 7:7-8:2

#### I. BOWING & BEGGING

#### II. CURSED & CONDEMNED

#### III. PLACE & POSITION

#### – REFLECTION QUESTION –

- 1) We see the lust for preeminence in the character of Human. In what way(s) do you experience this lust inside yourself?
- 2) What particular stories have provoked you to see that the lust for preeminence lives inside of everyone (even ‘really nice’ people)?
- 3) Read Mark 10:17-22, and then answer the following questions, “Why does Jesus pause to clarify ‘true goodness’?”, and “Why does Jesus insist that this man do something that he will most certainly fail at?”
- 4) What was a time you couldn’t earn your spot, and you were faced with the decision to simply receive your status? Were you scared? Did it bother you? Why is desperate dependence so bothersome us, and so non-negotiable to God?