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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2022

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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PECULIAR
FAMILY
1&2 THESSALONIANS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF PRAISE

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands

chorus

Arise (arise), Arise (arise),
Arise Arise, my soul, arise
Arise (arise), Arise (arise),
Arise Arise, my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh
And Father, Abba, Father, cry

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

AMY SMITH

REV. TYLER DIRKS

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

C. Wesley | S. Roley

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STARTING TODAY! - We hope that you will join us after the worship service today from 11:15am-noon for Sunday School. Adults and Rising Adults will gather in the Sanctuary and will kick off with a study of Ephesians. Classes will be available for PreK/Kindergarten (ages 4-5), Younger Elementary (1st & 2nd grade), and Middle Elementary (3rd - 5th grade). The Nursery will remain open for infants - 3 year olds.

PIZZA OVEN IN THE PARKING LOT - Join us next Sunday, February 20th @ 4pm for a full-body fellowship gathering on the grounds! Pizza will be provided, but please bring a side or dessert if you're able and your own beverages. Footballs, frisbees, corn hole, lawn games, etc are welcome and encouraged and the fire pit will be roarin'. Please see the Weekly Update email to RSVP by this Friday. See you there!

ECPC WEEKLY UPDATE - If you are visiting with us and would like to be added to the Weekly Update email and men's or women's google groups, please email Katie (admin@eastcharlottepres.org). This is a great way to stay up to date on events, announcements, and ways to get involved!

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

FEB 16	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
FEB 18	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
FEB 20	SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
FEB 20	PIZZA OVEN IN THE PARKING LOT
FEB 23	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/YOUTH GROUP
FEB 25	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
FEB 27	SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
MAR 2	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/YOUTH GROUP
MAR 4	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MAR 6	SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

WHILE NURSERY FOR CHILDREN INFANT THROUGH AGE 3 IS AVAILABLE, WE HAVE ALSO MADE A SPACE IN THE MODULE WITH COUCHES FOR NURSING MOMS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE THIS SPACE AS NEEDED.

SONG OF RESPONSE

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

M. Boswell, M. Papa, M. Bleeker

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected as will we be when He comes
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive!

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

Ivy Mae Felker
Aaron and Alex Felker

CONFESION OF SIN

BASED ON JEREMIAH 3:12-15

Lord, we come confessing. You call to us, "Return, O faithless children. I will not look on you in anger." Lord, be merciful to us; do not be angry forever. We acknowledge our guilt that we rebelled against you, O Lord God. We have not obeyed your voice. We have scattered our affections away from the living God. We are faithless children, and You are our master. Take us by the hand and bring us to Zion. Give us shepherds after Your own heart that will feed us with knowledge and understanding.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 28:6-9

"Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever."

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

ALL MUST BE WELL

M. Peters | M. Smith

Through the love of God our Savior - All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor - All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation - All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation - All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow - All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow - All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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

ALEX PARMAN



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

"THE WORD OF GOD: WHAT IT TRULY IS"

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13-16

I. INTEGRITY

II. IMPACT

III. INGRAFT

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) Do you embrace the Word of God for what it truly is? If so, what does that look like (be specific)? If not, explain why.
- 2) Is it possible to embrace the Word of God for what it truly is in an easy/domesticated way?
- 3) When was a time you were convinced that the Word of God was what you most desperately needed? (e.g. Matthew 4:1-11) ...A time when the WoG wasn't mere information, but powerful formation?
- 4) How have you experienced persecution because you insisted on mercifully serving sinners?
- 5) What do you make of the fact that those who reject God's decision to show lavish mercy to sinners are filling up the measure of their sins, and God's wrath will come upon them?