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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 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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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARRIE DIRKS

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONGS 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.

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Traditional Welsh ballad, W. C. Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, Victorious, Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee

Great father of glory, pure Father of light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS! - Mark your calendars for the week of July 18th to help us teach our children that they are Treasured by God! We will partner with Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church again, set up on Sunday, July 17th, and run camp from 9:30am-12:20pm on Monday, July 18th - Friday, July 22nd. Registration details to come, but now is the time to talk with friends and neighbors! Contact Kristen (parman.kristen@gmail.com) to get involved!

EASTER EGG CANDY - Please consider donating small, individually-wrapped candies for our Easter egg hunt this year! You may drop them in the designated box in the foyer of the church. Questions? See Maggie Dirks (maggie.dirks@gmail.com).

MEN'S RETREAT - Men, mark your calendars for our annual retreat on April 28th-30th at Ridge Haven. More information coming soon! Please contact Stephen Reaves (reaves735@gmail.com) with any questions.

- TODAY AT ECPC -

9:30 AM WORSHIP

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

- MAR 16** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAR 18** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAR 20** SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
- MAR 23** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAR 23** YOUTH GROUP
- MAR 25** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAR 27** SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
- MAR 30** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAR 30** YOUTH GROUP

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

For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest
Alleluia! Allelu

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light
Alleluia! Allelu

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold
Alleluia! Allelu

The golden evening brightens in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed
Alleluia, Allelu

O blest communion, fellowship divine
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine
Alleluia! Allelu

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of glory passes on His way
Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

W. H. How | C. Miner

REV. TYLER DIRKS

CONFESSION OF SIN

BAILEY WAGNER

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. In Jesus Christ, our Savior's name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 JOHN 1:5-9

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own; a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

chorus

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ / Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be, my only boast is You

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

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST
J. Kauffman

BAILEY WAGNER

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PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“THE WILL OF GOD”
1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8

I. ABOUND IN RECEIVING

II. REAL LIFE SANCTIFICATION & SIN

III. RICH REGARD

– REFLECTION QUESTIONS –

- 1) How have you personally experienced the desperation and delight dynamic of receiving Jesus? Think about when you first received the good news of what Jesus had done for you ...how did you feel desperation and delight?
- 2) How – practically speaking – can you continue (more and more) to receive Jesus with desperation and delight?
- 3) Which of God's instructions do you dismiss? Why?
- 4) When you hear the word “sanctification” what do you picture?
- 5) How are you complacent in the war against sexual immorality and greed? Are there actually any real consequences of your “benign” dabbling in sexual immorality and greed?
- 6) When you hear the statement that “God has called us to holiness,” what do you think that means?