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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>, 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

HEATHER HARWOOD

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP

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PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH – Mark your calendars for the ECPC annual Easter Egg Hunt and church wide lunch on Palm Sunday, April 10th immediately following the service and Sunday School. More information coming soon!

SONGS OF PRAISE

HAIL TO THE LORD’S ANOINTED  
*J. Montgomery | S. McCracken*

chorus

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD  
*M. Babcock | Norton Hall Band*

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings, The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas— His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

EASTER EGG CANDY – We need your help! 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](mailto:maggie.dirks@gmail.com)).

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](mailto:parman.kristen@gmail.com)) to get involved!

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](mailto:reaves735@gmail.com)) with any questions.

- TODAY AT ECPC -

**9:30 AM** WORSHIP  
**11:15 AM** SUNDAY SCHOOL

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

**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  
**APR 1** MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

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.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### SONG OF RESPONSE

And I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

#### chorus

*'Cause Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

### BENEDICTION

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JESUS PAID IT ALL  
*A. Nilong | E.M. Hall | J.T. Grape*

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

JON WILKINSON

**Leader:** Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

**Congregation:** Oh Lord, despite your commandments to provide acceptable worship to you, with reverence and awe, we come into your presence lethargic, apathetic, and irreverent. Our minds wander with our worldly preoccupations and we do not pay you the attention you deserve and command.

**Leader:** The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

**Congregation:** Oh Lord, despite your promises that the Spirit will tell us "This is the way, walk in it", we so often ignore this direction choosing to pursue our worldly passions and idols. Give us grace to hear and follow your Spirit.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 33:18-22

### 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 pow'r'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

### CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

*J. Kauffin, K. Getty, M. Boswell, M. Merker*

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

#### chorus

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

#### Final chorus

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.  
O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death. Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

### 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

# PECULIAR FAMILY 1&2 THESSALONIANS

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

MR. BAILEY WAGNER

"ABOUNDING IN LOVE"  
1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-12

#### I. HOW LOVE GROWS

#### II. HOW LOVE WITHERS AWAY

#### - REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) How has God taught you to love others?
- 2) Do you think that loving others is particularly difficult for you?
- 3) What would it look like for you to live quietly?
- 4) Is it difficult for you to mind your own affairs? Why or why not?
- 5) How does Jesus push you to love others?