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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH, 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

MARIA FREY

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONGS OF PRAISE

HEAR THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM
K. Getty

Hear the call of the Kingdom, / Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you, / As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy, / Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the Kingdom, / To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven, / The humility of Christ
Walking justly before Him, / Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us

chorus

*King of Heaven / we will answer the call
We will follow / bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion / filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name*

Hear the call of the Kingdom, / To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion, / In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness, / And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE
C.L. Bancroft | V. Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

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!

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).

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – We hope that you will join us for our Good Friday service on April 15th at 7pm at ECPC. Please invite your friends and neighbors for a time to help prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday by hearing, meditating on, and responding to the Biblical account of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

MEN'S RETREAT – Men, mark your calendars for our annual retreat on April 28th-30th at Ridge Haven. This year's theme is "The Good Life" where we will be discussing the ideas of well-being, self-control, and contentment/satisfaction. If you are interested in leading a discussion or have any questions, please see Stephen Reaves (reaves735@gmail.com). Please be on the lookout for a signup and more information coming this week.

- TODAY AT ECPC -

9:30 AM WORSHIP
11:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

MAR 30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MAR 30 YOUTH GROUP
APR 1 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
APR 3 SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP
APR 6 YOUTH GROUP
APR 8 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
APR 10 PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT & CHURCH LUNCH

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

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

C. Miner | S. Stennett

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possession's lie

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away

chorus

I am bound, I am bound

I am bound for the Promised Land

I am bound, I am bound

I am bound for the Promised Land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest

BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am, The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

Justin & Michelle Hayes
Hadley, Noah, Wyatt, Juliet

Sam Lupton

Austin & Riley Cassel

Danielle Firth

Charlie & Allison Yancheske

CONFESSION OF SIN

BASED ON ISAIAH 1:4; PSALM 145:13-21

Lord, we confess that we are a sinful people, laden with iniquity. We are sinners and the offspring of sinners. We are evildoers, children who deal corruptly. We have forsaken You, O Lord; we have despised You, O Holy One; We have become altogether estranged. But You, O Lord are faithful in all Your words and kind in all Your works. You, O Lord, uphold all who fall and raise up all who are bowed down. Our eyes look to You, and You give us our sustenance in due season. You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing. You, O Lord are righteous in all Your ways and kind in all Your works. You, O Lord, are near to all who call upon You, to all who call on You in truth. You fulfill the desire of those who fear You; You also hear their cry and save them. You, O Lord, preserve all who love You, and You bring justice to the wicked. We will speak the praise of You, dear Lord, and let all flesh bless Your holy Name forever and ever.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROMANS 5:1-2

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God"

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!

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION

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

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

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PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR”
1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

- I. GRIEVE

- II. SLEEP & THE SECOND COMING

- III. CAUGHT UP & ENCOURAGED

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) Jesus is identified as “a man of sorrows” (Isaiah 53:3). If you are a follower of Jesus, how (specifically) has Jesus led you into (and through) seasons of sorrow?
- 2) Where, and how, have you encountered the idea that followers of Christ are immune to grief?
- 3) How have you experienced the dynamic of acutely missing a deceased loved one, and (at the same time) being mesmerized by the fact that they are presently in paradise with Jesus; and the fact that they will precede us in the resurrection procession of Christ at His second coming?
- 4) How have you received and shared encouragement from the fact that we will one day be caught up in the clouds together with Jesus and all His people, and we will always be with the Lord!?