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ORDER OF WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH, 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

LINDA WILKINSON

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONGS OF PRAISE

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE
C. Wesley | S. Roley

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

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS
G. Bridges | M. Thring

Crown Him with many crowns; The Lamb upon His throne
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own
Awake, my soul and sing, of Him who died for Thee
And hail Him as Thy matchless King Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold his hands and side
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky, can fully bear that sight
But downward bends His burning eye At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of life; Who triumphed over the grave
And rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of Peace; Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise
His reign shall have no end, and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend; Their fragrance ever sweet

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

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 did not receive an email with the sign up link, please Stephen Reaves (reaves735@gmail.com).

CREW UPDATE - Crew members (a.k.a. young adults or those young at heart), Mark your calendars for Saturday May 7th at OMB (4150 Yancey Road, Charlotte, NC 28217) at noon for a nice DTR conversation about what the Crew is, what it should be, who are we targeting, etc. If you are interested in the future of the Crew (even if you feel like you "don't belong" in the Crew) RSVP to Stephen Reaves (reaves735@gmail.com).

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP NIGHT - Ladies of ECPC, You're invited to join us for a fun evening on May 14th at 6pm! We will gather in groups of 8-10 to enjoy appetizers and fellowship with other women in the church. Please RSVP by May 8th using the link in the Weekly Update Email. Your host will contact you that week with the address and what to bring. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Vaughn (vaughnrachel@gmail.com or 980-245-6487).

- TODAY AT ECPC -

9:30 AM WORSHIP

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

- APR 20** YOUTH GROUP
- APR 22** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- APR 24** SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP
- APR 27** YOUTH GROUP
- APR 28-30** MEN'S RETREAT
- MAY 1** SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP
- MAY 4** YOUTH GROUP
- MAY 6** 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

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF RESPONSE

IN CHRIST ALONE
K. Getty, S. Townsend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

CONFESSION OF SIN

MIKE SCHNEE

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We celebrate Him! But we confess we remain ensnared in doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We beg for immediate gratification and bow at idols. We come, pleading with you to forgive our sin and abolish evil in the world; By your Word and Spirit, sanctify us, and raise us from death to a life more abundant and free. Transform us into faithful followers of Christ, the ruler of all. We pray this in the name of our Risen Lord, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 16: 5-11

"The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

HOW GREAT THOU ART
S.K. Hine

Chorus

*Then sings my soul my Savior, God, to Thee
How great thou art, How great thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art*

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

When thru the woods And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And there proclaim My God How great Thou art

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

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

chorus

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

BECAUSE HE LIVES
B. Gaither

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PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“HOLD FAST TO WHAT’S GOOD”
1 THESSALONIANS 5:15-22

I. REACTING TO EVIL

II. RELISHING GOOD

MIKE SCHNEE

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) How have you let evil become bigger than the mystery of God's redemption? How have you allowed evil to rob you of joy?
- 2) Read 2 Timothy 2:23-26 and consider how God frees you to react to evil with healthy lamentation and unquenchable joy.
- 3) What Psalm has personally helped you to experience unquenchable and continuous goodness, joy, prayer, and thanksgiving?
- 4) How has stewarding the mystery of God's redemption liberated you from self-righteousness and haughtiness?