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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD, 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

HOLLY BLACKMAN

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME YE SINNERS
J. Hart | M. S. Smith

Come ye sinners poor and wretched / Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you / Full of pity joined with power
He is able, He is able / He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome / God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money / Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden / Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better / You will never come at all
Not the righteous, not the righteous / Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger / Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you / 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo The Incarnate God ascended / Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus / Can do helpless sinners good

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME
J. Robinson, R. Thompson, M. Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom; My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken; For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing; For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon; And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH - Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors to the ECPC annual Easter Egg Hunt and church wide lunch on Palm Sunday, April 10th immediately following 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 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).

- TODAY AT ECPC -

9:30 AM WORSHIP
11:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

REV. TYLER DIRKS

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus; For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me; Until I stand with joy before the throne

SONG OF RESPONSE

THY MERCY, MY GOD
J. Stocker | S. McCracken, I. Watts

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness, my spirit's revived
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
In the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

CONFESSION OF SIN

JUSTIN CLARK

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

S. Townsend

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 power'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

ROCK OF AGES (WHEN THE DAY SEEMS LONG)

S. McCracken | K. Twit

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long
From this labor and this heartache, I have come
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same
Rock of Ages, I praise your name
Rock of Ages, you have brought me near
You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears
To make this stone heart come alive again
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

chorus

*Rock of ages, Rock of ages.
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.
Rock of ages your will be done*

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace.
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.
Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me.
Who am I that you would die to make me free?
To give me glory, you took the death and pain.
Rock of Ages, my Offering.

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried.
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands.
Rock of ages, in faith I stand.
Rock of Ages, my great hope secure.
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul
Bind your children with cords of love and grace.
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.

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

JUSTIN CLARK

PECULIAR FAMILY 1&2 THESSALONIANS

PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

"IN LIGHT OF THAT DAY"
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

I. FULLY AWARE

II. FIGHT

III. FREE TO BE A "FOOL"

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) How do you preach counterfeit "peace" and "security" to yourself these days?
- 2) How do you envision the sufficiency of Christ eclipsing and supplanting your commitment to the myth of self-sufficiency?
- 3) Who helps you wake-up, and motivates you to put on the breastplate of faith and love, and prods you to put on the helmet of the hope of salvation, and inspires you to participate in the holy war against counterfeit peace, security, ease, and notability?
- 4) What specific kind of gospel 'foolishness' do you need to take part in this week?