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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH, 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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- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONGS OF PRAISE

JESUS WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

J. W. Chapman | R.H. Prichard

Jesus! What a friend for sinners, Jesus, lover of my soul
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole

chorus

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving

He is with me to the end

Jesus! What a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in him
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins

Jesus what a guide and keeper, while the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night o'er takes me, He my pilot, hears my cry

Jesus! I do now receive, him, more than all in him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine

O GREAT GOD

B. Kauffman

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your word to me
Through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me

VBS REGISTRATION – Join us for "Treasured" Vacation Bible School this summer, July 18-22, 2022 from 9:30am - 12:20pm at Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church (6740 Albemarle Rd, Charlotte, NC 28212). Camp is for 4 year olds (4 as of August 31st, 2022) up to rising 5th graders. Please register by June 26th and invite your friends and neighbors using the link in the weekly email update. Contact Kristen (parman.kristen@gmail.com) with any questions or to get involved- we still have a few more volunteer opportunities!

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
11:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

MAY 13 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MAY 14 WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP NIGHT
MAY 15 SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP
MAY 20 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MAY 22 SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP
MAY 27 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MAY 29 SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP
JUNE 3 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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SANDS OF TIME ARE SINKING

A. R. Cousin | P. Palmertree

The sands of time are sinking / The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for / The fair, sweet morn awakes.
Dark, dark had been the midnight / But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth / In Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty / Without a veil is seen;
It were a well-spent journey / Though seven deaths lay between.
The Lamb with His fair army / Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth / In Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain / The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted / More deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean fullness / His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth / In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment / But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory / But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth / But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory / Of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's / And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner / Into His house of wine.
I stand upon His merit / I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth / In Emmanuel's land.

BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

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!

MISSIONS MOMENT

ERIK PETROU

CHURCH PLANTING IN ATHENS, GREECE

CONFESSION OF SIN

BAILEY WAGNER

Holy and merciful God, In your presence we confess Our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

EZEKIEL 36:25-26

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

PSALM 130 (FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE)

M. Luther | C. Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication.
If Thou iniquities dost mark our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O who shall stand before Thee? (*women echo*)
O who shall stand before Thee? (*women echo*)

To wash away the crimson stain grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain in much the best life faileth.
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might
And live alone by mercy (*women echo*)
And live alone by mercy (*women echo*)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord and not in my own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit.
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (*women echo*)
I wait for it with patience (*women echo*)

What though I wait the live-long night until the dawn appeareth
My heart still trusteth in His might, it doubteth not nor feareth.
Do thus O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed,
And wait 'til God appeareth. (*women echo*)
And wait 'til God appeareth. (*women echo*)

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth.
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need is soundeth.
Our Shepherd: good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all our sin and sorrow. (*women echo*)
From all our sin and sorrow. (*women echo*)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION

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

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

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!

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

BAILEY WAGNER



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“WHAT’S REALLY HAPPENING?”

2 THESSALONIANS 2:5-12

I. PAIN

II. PERSEVERANCE

III. PRAYER & PROVIDENCE

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) In 2 Corinthians 12 Paul talks about being harassed by a messenger of Satan, and pleading with the Lord to make it stop. How have you personally grappled with this dilemma between God’s infinite ability to deliver His people from suffering, and the fact that persecution exists?
- 2) Set a timer for 15 minutes and thoroughly adopt the words of Psalm 13 as your personal prayer. On a scale of 1 to 10, how uncomfortable are you speaking this way to God?
- 3) Set a timer for 8 minutes and thoroughly immerse yourself in 1 Peter 1:6-8. Journal your thoughts and feelings until the timer chimes. Consider in detail how God cultivates true faith and perseverance via various trials.
- 4) How do you feel about finding \$20 on the ground? How do you feel about your team winning? How do you feel about supping on your favorite food? How do you feel about your children obeying? ...How do you feel about the fact that Jesus is always making intercession for you (Heb.7:25)? How do you feel about God the Spirit interceding for you with groanings too deep for words (Rom.8:26)?
- 5) How do you feel about the fact that nothing can separate you from the love of Christ? How do you feel about the fact that even in tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, and/or sword ...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us?