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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*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

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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"Above all, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Colossians 3

SONG OF PRAISE

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

R. Robinson | J. Wyeth

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it - Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it - Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it - Seal it for Thy courts above

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless day.

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 -

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Please note that the beginning of Sunday School has been delayed for another few weeks. In order to have adult Sunday School we need space for children to gather and learn once upcoming construction projects have been completed. Additionally, we need teaching & small group volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to help with children's Sunday School, please contact Kristen Parman (parman.kristen@gmail.com).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Ladies, mark your calendars for our upcoming women's events: First, our small group Charcuterie Night for groups of 6-8 will be held on September 26th. Please contact Kelly Clark (itskel@gmail.com) if you would like to host or attend. Lastly, we hope you will attend our annual women's retreat to Lake Hickory on October 15th-18th. For more information and to register, please see the email of the week.

MEN'S MINISTRY – Men, mark your calendars for our upcoming events this Fall. Men's Hike & Bible Study will be on October 3rd at 6:30 a.m. at Crowders Mountain. Mark your calendars for two Fire Pit Fellowship nights at the Schnee home (1201 Robinhood Cir) on October 24th at 6:30 pm and at the Blumenstein home (10226 Glenmac Rd.) on November 21st at 8 pm. For more information about any of these events, please contact Jonathan McClure (jamclure89@gmail.com).

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

SEPT 21	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 22	J.H. GUNN TUTORING
SEPT 23	YOUTH GROUP
SEPT 25	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 26	WOMEN'S CHARCUTERIE NIGHT
SEPT 28	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 29	J.H. GUNN TUTORING
SEPT 30	YOUTH GROUP
OCT 2	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 3	MEN'S HIKE & BIBLE STUDY
OCT 5	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 7	YOUTH GROUP
OCT 9	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 14	YOUTH GROUP
OCT 15-18	WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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SONG OF RESPONSE

O soul are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

Chorus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are

His word shall not fail you, He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell

BENEDICTION

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TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

H. Lemmel

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

BRANDON HAWKES

Heavenly Father, I confess that I have a tight grip on my earthly possessions. I cling to my reputation, my money, my comfort, and all my physical possessions. I often unrighteously try to guarantee a prosperous future for myself at the expense of my relationship with you. I am reluctant to give your full tithes and instead I selfishly try to amass wealth in this life. But you say, "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" Lord forgive us, and teach us to store up treasure in heaven.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MALACHI 4:1-2

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

HOW HE LOVES
D. Crowder, D.M. McMillan

He is jealous for me
Love's like a hurricane, I am a tree
Bending beneath the weight of his wind and mercy.
When all of a sudden, I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory,
And I realize just how beautiful You are,
And how great Your affections are for me.

Oh, how he loves us so, Oh, how he loves us,
How he loves us so.

chorus

*He loves us, Oh how he loves us,
Oh how he loves us, Oh how he loves.*

So we are his portion and he is our prize,
Drawn to redemption by the grace in his eyes,
And If grace is an ocean we're all sinking.
So heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss,
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest.
I don't have time to maintain these regrets when I think about the way

SONG OF PREPARATION

HEAL US, EMMANUEL
K. Twit | W. Cowper

chorus

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we stand
Waiting to feel Thy touch
To deep wounded sons reach forth
Thy hand Oh Savior, we are such

Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief;
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried;
“O help my unbelief!”

She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace;
Thy faith has made thee whole.”

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
Send none unhealed away.

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



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“IMPOSSIBLE GOODNESS”

LUKE 18:18-30

- I. DISAGREE ON THE DEFINITION

- II. DEVASTATION

- III. DESPERATE DEPENDENCE

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) When was a time God disagreed with you about your definition or understanding of something really important?
- 2) When was a time God told you that you weren't actually as committed to Him as you gave yourself credit for?
- 3) When was a time God disabused you of your delusions of self-sufficiency? ...and it really got to you?
- 4) Read Luke 18:23-24. Does it bother you that Jesus didn't "work harder" to accommodate this man, but instead Jesus gives him a hard command and simply watches the man walk away sad?
- 5) Are you "rich"? If you said, "No," is that your final answer? Do you agree with Jesus' assessment in Luke 18:24-25?
- 6) How has God cultivated an addiction to Himself inside of you ...so that now you are compelled to seek Him first and foremost, above and beyond all else?