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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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- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP

**REV. TYLER DIRKS** 

## SONG 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

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

E. Mote | W.B. Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name

#### chorus

On Christ the solid rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay

When he shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone faultless to stand before the throne

MISSIONS MOMENT

MICAH & BLAIR VICKERY

LIFE GROUPS – Life groups at ECPC have begun! Life groups are a core ministry of our church. Our hope is that these small groups would foster a community where they are essentially living life together as brothers and sisters in God's family. We hope that you will consider investing in one of our life groups! For more information about life groups at ECPC please see the Weekly Update email or talk with one of our officers or staff.

ROOTS CLASS – If you are a visitor and are interested in church membership or would simply like more information about ECPC, then you are invited to our next Roots class on Friday, October 1st from 6-9 pm (location TBD). This class is required for membership. Please RSVP to Katie (admin@eastcharlottepres.org) so we can prepare for your attendance. We hope to see you there!

CREW SUMMER STORIES – Young adults, singles, and those young at heart, We hope that you will mark your calendars for our final Summer Stories event of the Summer on September 24th at 6:30 pm at at the James Jordan's home (8612 Sam Dee Rd). Please bring a drink or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

CHURCH WORK DAY – Mark your calendars for our next church wide work day on October 9th from 8am-12pm. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

CHILDREN/YOUTH PHOTOS – If your child/rising adult has not yet had their picture taken by Kristen, please meet Kristen outside the sanctuary for a quick photo! This is for all members and regular attending families. Once photos are printed, we will distribute them as in the past, so all of our children/youth can be prayed for by you! If you want to keep praying for the same child, please let Kristen know (703-725-0618) so she can set that photo aside for you.

# - UPCOMING EVENTS -

SEPT 22 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SEPT 22 YOUTH GROUP

SEPT 24 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SEPT 24 CREW SUMMER STORIES

SEPT 26 SUNDAY WORSHIP

WHILE NURSERY FOR CHILDREN WALKING THROUGH AGE 3 IS NOW AVAILABLE, WE HAVE ALSO MADE A SPACE IN THE MODULE WITH COUCHES AND A LIVESTREAM OF THE SERVICE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE THIS SPACE AS NEEDED.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

REV. TYLER DIRKS

W. H. How | C. Miner

# **CONFESSION OF SIN**

ALEX PARMAN

SONG OF RESPONSE

For all the saints who from their labors rest Who thee by faith before the world confessed Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest Alleluia! Allelu

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light Alleluia! Allelu

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And win with them the victor's crown of gold Alleluia! Allelu

The golden evening brightens in the west Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed Alleluia, Allelu

O blest communion, fellowship divine We feebly struggle; they in glory shine Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine Alleluia! Allelu

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day The saints triumphant rise in bright array The King of glory passes on His way Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction

Lord, we come confessing. You call us to not walk any longer as unbelievers do in the futility of their minds and in the darkness of their understanding. Too often we are alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in us due to our hardness of heart. We have become callous and give ourselves up to sensuality, pleasing our own thoughts and desires and practicing every kind of impurity. But this is not the way we learned Christ having heard about him, being taught in him. For truth is in Jesus. Give us your Spirit to continually put off the old self which belongs to our former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires. May we be renewed in our minds and put on the new self, created after your likeness in truth, righteousness and holiness.

# SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**COLOSSIANS 1:15-20** 

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

# SONG OF THANKSGIVING

How Great Thou Art

### refrain

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 of 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 then proclaim My God How great Thou art

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### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

# SONG OF PREPARATION

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL
H. Spafford | P. Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way When sorrows like sea billows roll Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say It is well, it is well with my soul

#### chorus

It is well (women echo)
With my soul (women echo)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come Let this blest assurance control That Christ has regarded my helpless estate And has shed his own blood for my soul

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought My sin, not in part, but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! O my soul

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight The clouds be rolled back as a scroll The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend Even so, It is well with my soul

# 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** 

"WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?"
ESTHER 2:1-11

I. WHAT GOD SAYS

II. HOW GOD SAVES

#### - REFLECTION OUESTION -

- 1) Being "woke" and "extremely sensitive to people's feelings" is a big topic these days. To be sure, human beings are sinfully insensitive and willfully ignorant, but God is not. What specific portions of Scripture offend you and make you feel unsafe? Why is it necessary and good for you to grapple with God's decision to disturb you with things He says in the Bible?
- 2) What do you get really fired-up about? Do you ever feel really fired-up about stuff you encounter in Scripture?
- 3) How do you feel about the messy and morally ambiguous stuff in the Bible? How do you feel about God's silence in the face of really severe scenarios (e.g. Hadassah been sex trafficked)?
- 4) How do you feel about the fact that Jesus of Nazareth doesn't match your picture of what it means to be "above reproach"?
- 5) When was a time you had really low expectations, and then you were blown away!? ...We're not talk'n 'pleasantly surprised,' we're talk'n BLOWN AWAY!