

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 5, 2020

10:30am

Welcome and Invocation

Song *“Shall We Gather at the River”* (see attachment)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*(Refrain) Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

(Words and Music: Robert Lowry (1862-1899))

Prayer of Confession Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we fill our lives with comfort and convenience, distractions that consume our energy and time. We chase after wealth and power as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls. But you beckon us toward new life, a life made rich through Sabbath and service. Free us from the yokes that bind us and draw us near to you, until we learn to walk with Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer and prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture

Philippians 4:2-9

Message

“Focus”

Pastor John

“How Can I Keep from Singing?” (see attachment)
My life flows on in endless song; above earth’s lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

*(Refrain) No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing! (Refrain)
(Words and Music: Robert Lowry (1862-1899), alt.)

Benediction

Brothers and sisters, as the Church of Jesus Christ, go from this place...
**Knowing Christ, growing in God’s love, and serving as
the Holy Spirit leads.**

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Communion—next Sunday, July 12th. The denomination has offered clear guidance for celebrating the Lord’s Supper virtually. If you are participating in virtual worship next **Sunday, July 12th**, the sacrament will be part of the worship service. Please have some bread and grape juice to share with all who are participating in the worship service. Please do not substitute the elements with anything other than bread and juice (for example, Doritos and coke is not the sacrament). If you have questions, please contact Pastor John at jbethard@ctpres.org.

Wednesday Night Zoom Bible Study at 7:00pm. We are studying the book of James.

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