

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 30, 2020

10:30am

Welcome and Invocation

Song

*"Change My Heart, O God"*

(see attachment)

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the potter, I am the clay,  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

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Prayer of Confession Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Compassionate God, who hears the cries of the oppressed, you call us to resist evil and hold fast to what is good, to take up the cross and commit our lives to the cause of love. But we are afraid to confront powers that privilege some and diminish others; we do not want to lose the security we enjoy. Forgive us. Open our ears to hear your voice, our eyes to look upon neighbors in need, and our hearts to respond with compassion, that we might follow the way of Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Response to Confession

*"Healing Grace"*

(see attached)

Merciful God and Father, loving us like no other,  
Hear our prayer, the cry of our hearts, as we come to you.  
We acknowledge our transgressions; we confess to you our sins;  
Show us mercy and compassion, touch our lives with your healing grace again.

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.

Special Music

*"Wayfaring Stranger"*

String Simplicity

Scripture

*Matthew 5:38-42*

Message

*“Vengeance Is Not Ours”*

Pastor John

*“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”* (see attachment)

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, pardon, Lord. And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.  
Oh! Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy.  
Oh! Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.  
Oh! Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

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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—Sunday, next September 6th.** The denomination has offered clear guidance for celebrating the Lord’s Supper virtually. If you are participating in virtual worship next **Sunday, September 6th**, 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](mailto:jbethard@ctpres.org).

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