

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 13, 2020

10:30am

Welcome and Invocation

Song

“O Worship the King”

(see attachment)

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days pavilioned
in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

(Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838); para. Psalm 104; Music: Attr. Johann M. Haydn (1737-1806); William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, Vol. II, 1815)

Prayer of Confession Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short, for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you. Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others? We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts, rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves. We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving. So, we kneel before you once again to ask for patience and grace. Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us, until it flows forth from us through acts of love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Response to Confession

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

(vs. 1)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

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

Lamentations 3: 1-26

Message

"Hope During Despair"

David Weil

"O God, Your Constant Care and Love" (see attachment)

O God, your constant care and love are shed upon us from above,
Throughout our lives in every stage, from infancy to later age.

We thank you Lord, for dreams of youth, for wisdom leading on to truth,
For memories gathered through the years, and faith that grows from joys and tears.

All time is yours, O Lord, to give. May we, in all the years we live,
Find that each day of life is new, a celebration, Lord, with you.
Let not the passing of the years rob us of joy or cause us fears,
And may our faith, O Lord, hold true, that we may always rest in you.

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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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This morning we welcome David Weil to the pulpit.

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