

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 20, 2020

10:30am

Welcome and Invocation

Song

“Awesome God”

(see attachment)

Our God is an awesome God,
he reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God! (Repeat)

(Words and Music © 1988 BMG Songs)

Prayer of Confession Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, your generosity surprises us. For you do not mete out grace according to how hard we work, or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules. No, you lavish grace upon us according to your own desire. But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not. We grumble that some receive too little while others have more than they deserve. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with humility and gratitude so that our words and deeds might embody your grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

Response to Confession

“I Then Shall Live”

(vs. 1)

I then shall live as one who’s been forgiven;
I’ll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I’ll forgive another;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

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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

Matthew 6:1-4

Message

“Proper Giving”

Pastor John

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (see attachment)

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first fruits give.

To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless is angels' work below.

The captive to relieve, to God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

(Words: William W. How (1823-1897))

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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The session agreed to tentatively plan for in-person worship beginning on Sunday, October 4. That plan is still moving forward. The worship service will also continue to be streamed on Facebook. As we all know, the Coronavirus has dramatically changed how we do everything, and worship is no exception. October 4 is World Communion Sunday. All persons joining us for in person worship are encouraged to bring their own bread, and those who will be worshipping with us virtually will need to have bread and juice ready for that service.

It is Finished! These important words were said by Jesus on the cross when he paid the penalty for our sins and reconciled us to God. It was the ultimate sacrifice for which all of us should be grateful. These words were spoken when Jesus was bringing to completion God's plan of salvation, made complete in the resurrection of Christ! Guess what else is finished? The Save the Steeple capital campaign! The elders designated the campaign a success at the session meeting on Tuesday evening. The cost of the steeple project was **\$147,790** and to date, we have raised **\$148,460**. The elders wish to convey their thanks to the congregation for their generosity and support for this project! Those who still wish to fulfill their remaining pledge are welcome to do so. The congregation is also encouraged to consider shifting support from the steeple to supplement their regular tithing. Well done, everyone!!

Congregational Meeting. The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 11th, following worship. We know not everyone wants to attend in person, so this meeting will be held concurrently via Zoom (information is below). That means we will be holding an in-person/virtual congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon recommendations from the nominating committee. The CNC will also be presenting the following question: Shall the session transition over the next three years from twelve to nine members? The CNC will also place into nomination the following persons: For class of 2023, Elder – Beth Pugh, Kathy Donadio, Roger Snook; Deacon(4) – Anne Portrey, Hoyle Fulbright, Matthew Henshaw; Trustee(2) – Susan Wall, Allen Rogers; Class of 2021 CNC (3) – Jane Ishman, Stephanie Rossi, Henry Christie. We will also take nominations from the floor. Because of COVID and the hybrid nature of our meeting, this gets tricky. If we have more nominees than slots available, we will need to do a paper ballot vote that will need to be sent to virtual participants and returned by mail. This will also require a vote by the congregation to allow this one-time method of voting at a congregational meeting. We are asking that if anyone plans to make nominations from the floor that they contact the church office and let us know so that we can appropriately plan for this contingency. All nominees must fulfill the requirements found in the *Book of Order* G-2.01. Of course, if there are no nominations from the floor we will be able to handle this with a simple voice vote.

CTPC Congregational Meeting: Oct 11, 2020 11:15 AM Eastern Time

<https://zoom.us/j/93908217387?pwd=cE9PemVMdXM5dURBbEI2ToUzWCt6UTo9>

Meeting ID: 939 0821 7387

Passcode: CTPC1

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