

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 27, 2020

10:30am

Welcome and Invocation

Song *"The Church's One Foundation"* (see attachment)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

(Text: Samuel John Stone, 1866, Atl.)

Prayer of Confession Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving Lord, you desire that we have the same mind as Christ and imitate his compassionate service. But our minds are fixed on attitudes and ambitions that draw us away from you. We labor for ourselves and attend to the needs of a precious few before considering how our time and talents could bless the world. We look up to the rich and famous and overlook the lowly rather than affirming the dignity of all. Transform us, we pray. By your grace, give us the same mind and the same love as our Lord Jesus Christ, and work within us until our actions bear witness to the faith our tongues confess. 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 6:5-18

Message

*“How to Pray and Fast”*

Pastor John

*“To God Be the Glory”*

(see attachment)

To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So love he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*(Refrain) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

(Text: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875)

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 next Sunday, October 4th. 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.

**If you are planning** on joining us for in-person worship next Sunday, October 4, please call or email the church office (304-725-5316 or [ctpres@ctpres.org](mailto:ctpres@ctpres.org)). Even if you are involved in leading worship (deacons, elders, staff, communion prep, special music, etc.), sign up is required so that we are adequately prepared. And in case it was not clear, sign ups must be done every week, by the end of the day Thursday prior to the Sunday you plan to worship with us.

**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=cE9PemVMdXM5dURBbEI2ToUzWCt6UT09>

Meeting ID: 939 0821 7387

Passcode: CTPC1

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