

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 4, 2020

10:30am

Prelude

"Heart of Worship"

Matt Redman

Welcome and Invocation

Song

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Penny Liston

(Please feel free to close your eyes, listen, and worship in spirit)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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Prayer of Confession Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of the Covenant, long ago you gave us the law to guide us in the ways of righteousness. When we wandered, you called prophets to beckon us toward faithfulness. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son to heal our brokenness and draw us close to you. But, time and again, we reject your gift of grace. We bow before the false gods of our world and forget your command to serve the least of these. We fill our days with self-serving agendas or trivial tasks and neglect to nurture our relationship with you. Forgive us, Lord. Come to us again, we pray, and set us on right paths. Root our habits that separate us from you and sow within us seeds of mercy and love that we would produce the fruit of your kingdom. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Response

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1) Penny Liston

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:19-24

Message

"One or the Other"

Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Response (spoken in unison) “*Lord of All Good*” (vs. 3)

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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.

Song

“*Come to the Table of Grace*” (vs. 3)
Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

Penny Liston

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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you;
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements

Song

“*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*”
(Please feel free to close your eyes, listen, and worship in spirit)
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Penny Liston

*(Refrain) This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

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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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If you are planning on joining us for in-person worship, please call or email the church office (304-725-5316 or 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 next 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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