

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:30am

Prelude

“The Sheltering Rock”

Wm. E. Penn

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-4

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!”

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

Hymn

“I Will Call upon the Lord”

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.

So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord. (Repeat)

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock. And let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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(Repeat)

(TEXT and MUSIC: Michael O'Shields, 1994; Text and Music © 1981 Universal Music Corp. and Sound III, Inc. (admin. Hal Leonard Corporation)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, brought us into community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Response to Confession

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” (vs. 1)

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,

God will give strength whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.

Who trusts in Gods' unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

(TEXT: Georg Neumark, 1641; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1963, alt. MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1641)

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.

Response

“My Life Flows On” (vs. 1)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
*(Refrain) No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

(TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1869)

Special music

“The Solid Rock”

arr. Larry Shackley

Scripture

Matthew 7:24-29

Message

“Firm Footing”

Pastor John

Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

(TEXT: “K” in John Rippons’s A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.; MUSIC: American fold melody; Funk’s Genuine Church Music, 1832, alt.)

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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Annual Meeting. Since we will be worshipping virtually through mid-January at least, the session agreed to hold our annual meeting via zoom. We will hear reports from all committees, answer questions about 2021 ministry funding, and review the pastor's terms of call for 2021.

Here is the Zoom information: Time: Jan 10, 2021 11:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://zoom.us/j/94251222796?pwd=N1BsNlAzMjZmNEt5ZWNBblFCVkrvUT09>
Meeting ID: 942 5122 2796 Passcode: CTPC21

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