

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 31, 2021

10:30am

Prelude

"How Great Is Our God"

arr. Carol Tornquist
Jesse Reeves, Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To declare your steadfast love in the morning,

And your faithfulness by night,

To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

At the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Hymn

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,

It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,

As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,

Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia! Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?

Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

And my God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Alleluia!

(TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1972, alt.; MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904, alt.; Text © 1972 Hope Publishing Company)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you. Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings. You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends. You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit, but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise, but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin. Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Sung Response to Confession “*Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart*” (refrain)

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

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(TEXT: Pashto hymn; trans. Alison Blenkinsop, 1995; MUSIC: Anon.; arr. Geoff Weaver, 1995; Text © 1995 Alison Blenkinsop; Music Arr. © 1995 Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

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.

Sung Response “*Jesus Calls Us*” (vs. 1)

Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, “Christian, follow me.”

(TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852; MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887)

Special music

“*Stand By Me*”
Anne Portrey

Charles A. Tindley

Scripture

Matthew 8:23-34

Message

“*God of All Power*”

Pastor John

Hymn

“*A Mighty Fortress*” (vs. 1,2,4)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper be, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His crafty and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

The boy they may kill; God’s truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

(TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852; MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, 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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Wednesday Night Bible Study, at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Topic: Charles Town Presbyterian Church Bible Study

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