

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 14, 2021

10:30am

Prelude

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

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Tune: Assam, Indian Folk Melody

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-6

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth;**

**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;**

**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

Song

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

Singing forever more: Alleluia! Amen!

(TEXT: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843; MUSIC: Spanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. David Evans, 1927; Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of transformation, you make new life where there was old, dazzling light where there were shadows, peace where there was violence, and friends where there were enemies. Forgive us, O God, when we stand in the way of your transformative love. Forgive us when we do not live as people who have been changed by your grace. Call us to the mountain once more, and send us out to be witnesses of your transformative grace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

Sung Response to Confession “*Will You Come and Follow Me*” (vs. 1)

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name:  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

(TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987; MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987; Text and Music arr. © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

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

“*Healer of Our Every Ill*” (Refrain)  
Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

(TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1986, Text and Music © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.)

Special Music

“*The Gift of Love*”  
Anne Portrey

English folk melody  
arr. Hal Hopson

(TEXT: Hal H. Hopson, 1972; MUSIC: English folk melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972; Text and Music © 1972 Hope Publishing Company)

Scripture

Matthew 9:9-13

Message

“*The Call to Follow*”

Pastor John

Song

“*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*”  
I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus—no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me—no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow, though none go with me, I still will follow,  
Though none go with me, I still will follow—no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?—no turning back, no turning back.

(WORDS: anonymous; MUSIC: Indian folk tune)

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

<https://zoom.us/j/96202042739?pwd=ZWt5aUhJYlBOVHJobE1RYmFoT2llQT09>

Meeting ID: 962 0204 2739

Passcode: 021517

**Congregational Nominating Committee** – The CNC for 2021 has begun meeting. They will prayerfully consider nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustee for the class of 2024, and at-large members of the congregation for next year’s CNC. If you have suggestions for the CNC to consider, please reach out to members of the CNC with your ideas. The 2021 CNC is Kathy Donadio, Matthew Henshaw, Jane Ishman, Henry Christie, and Stephanie Rossi.

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