

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 7, 2021

10:30am

Prelude

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Rev. George Bennard

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Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:10-13

Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established;
it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

Song

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given

By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

(TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001;
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Glaser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839; Spanish Trans. © 1989 the United Methodist Publishing House
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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Christ who chased the money changers from the temple, chase the greed from our
lives and our hearts. As you overturned the tables, O Lord, overturn the systems in our
world that contribute to cycles of poverty and oppression. Forgive us, O God, of the
ways we contribute to the world’s brokenness. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your
mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to live for you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Sung Response to Confession *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* (vs. 1)

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.

(TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707; MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824) 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

"Near the Cross" (vs. 1 & Refrain)

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.
*(Refrain) In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

(WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915); MUSIC: William H. Doane (1832-1915))

Special Music

Scripture

Matthew 11:1-19

Message

"Clearing Things Up"

Pastor John

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

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

(TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895)

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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Communion—today. The denomination has offered clear guidance for celebrating the Lord's Supper virtually. If you are participating in virtual worship today, the sacrament will be part of the worship service. Please have some bread and grape juice to share with all who are participating in the worship service. Please do not substitute the elements with anything other than bread and juice (for example, Doritos and coke is not the sacrament).

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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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

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