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recommitment
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*Song

“I’ll Praise My Maker”

No. 806

*Sending

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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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

10:30 AM



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**“Knowing Christ, Growing in God’s Love,
and Serving as the Holy Spirit leads.”**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Come, Holy Spirit, Come" words Carl P. Daw, Jr.
(© MCMXC by Alfred Publishing) music Steve Kupferschmid
Glory Singers

Call to Worship Psalm 104:1-4

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, you are very great!
**You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.**
He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;
he makes the clouds his chariot;
**he rides on the wings of the wind;
he makes his messengers winds,
his ministers a flaming fire.**

*Song "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 286

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day, so fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion. You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world. Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written. You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other. Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue. Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow your spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon...
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Songs listed with "No." are found in the purple hymnal. Songs listed with "LUYH" are found in the light blue songbook

When this symbol (*) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Please refrain from singing. Meditate on the words or speak them as the song is played.

Confessing our sins brings us to a place of humility, allowing us to hear God more clearly as we worship.

*Sung Response to Confession
"Spirit of the Living God" No. 288
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

Sung Response "When Peace like a River" No. 840 (vs. 1)
When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Special Music "Make My Life a Song" text Mary Rarden
music Mark Burrows
Glory Singers
"Make My Life a Song" (© 2009 Lorenz Publishing)

Scripture Matthew 15:1-20 p. 975

Message "Hypocrisy Explained" Pastor John

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings
Offertory "Wind of the Spirit" arr. Harry Wiens
"Wind of the Spirit" (TEXT & MUSIC: © 1991 Prince of Peace Publishing, Changing Church Inc.)

*Sung Response
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 607
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

Offering is our response to all that God has given us!

JOYS AND CONCERNS



Please consider the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: Romans 8; Tuesday: Romans 9; Wednesday: Romans 10; Thursday: Romans 11; Friday: Romans 12

Birthdays this week in May: Jack Huyett, Jamie Hardy.

Anniversaries this week in May: Jon & Lisa Dodds, Michael & Debbie Gregory, Mark & May Day.

Prayer Concerns: U.S. troops serving worldwide. Please continue to pray for those who are sick. Missionaries supported by CTPC: Drake Williams, Mark Hare in Haiti, Michael & Cathy Sander in Eswatini. Please keep these faithful servants in prayer.

Those persons admitted to the hospital or nursing home seeking a visit from Pastor John must have a family member make contact with the church office. HIPPA law prohibits hospitals from divulging their patient roster.

Last Sunday Worship: In-person--42; Nursery--1; Virtual Views--110

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934
Sunday's Receipts: \$4,024; On-Line Giving--\$1,131; Special Offerings: Pentecost--\$70; Loose--\$25; Sunday School--18; JCCM--\$5; Help Fund--\$80; Hunger--\$26.

In-Person Worship Information (revised 5/19/21)

Masks. Per the revised CDC guidelines, fully vaccinated persons do not need to wear masks. So, if you are fully vaccinated, masks are optional in worship. Those who are not vaccinated or have health concerns are encouraged to continue masking. We trust that as brothers and sisters in Christ, we will honor each person's decision on this matter.

No singing...yet. The virus is still out there, and it is spread via aerosol, meaning the water droplets that come from our noses, mouths, etc. Even with masks, singing remains a spreader activity. For now, we encourage attendees to speak the words of the songs and hymns we sing. The first moment we can sing without fear of spread, sing we shall! So hang in there, that time is hopefully coming soon!

Seating and social distancing. We are still requesting that worshipers sit at least every other pew. When we serve communion, we will be bringing the bread and the cup to each person, not passing it down the pew. We will access by way of the pew in front.

Offering. We will have offering plates available at the doors, and we ask that everyone drop their gifts into the plates as they enter. This is to limit contact.

Today's Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:1-20

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ² "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat." ³ He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ⁵ But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, "What you would have gained from me is given to God," ⁶ he need not honor his father.' So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. ⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

"This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;

⁹ in vain do they worship me,

teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

¹⁰ And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." ¹² Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." ¹⁶ And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Warmly Welcome Visitors in the name of our Lord. We invite you to tell us more about yourself by filling out a visitor's card, and placing it in the offering plate located in the narthex.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harvey Nelson and Esta de Fossard Nelson by David and Laura van Vuuren.

Called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 20 following worship to hear and act upon a report from the congregational nominating committee. This will be an in-person meeting. If we are unable to have a quorum, the meeting will be rescheduled for Sunday, June 27 and conducted as a hybrid meeting (combination of in-person and Zoom meeting). The CNC will nominate the following people: Class of 2024: Elder – Signe Garms, Gary Scott, Kathy Shue; Deacon – Alex Bethard, Kaz Feldstein, Debra Low, Doug McDonough; Trustee – Janet Harner; CNC class of 2022: Sue Flanagan, Diane Mayhew, David Weil.

Pentecost Offering will be received today, May 23rd. Giving to the Pentecost Offering is investing in our greatest resource, our youth and our children. The Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of this offering stays in our local community and will be designated for Jefferson County Community Ministries. The other 60% will help support: young adult volunteer programs, ministries for youth, and child advocacy. Please note in memo line: Pentecost. Thank you.

The Six-cents-a-meal offering, collected on the 4th Sunday each month, goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To contribute to this offering please note on memo line: hunger offering. Thank you.

Next Sunday is 5th Sunday. The loose offering will go to the Pastor's Help Fund.

GRADUATE INFORMATION: We will be recognizing our graduates during the worship service on June 6th. Congratulations, Grads!!

Jillian Donadio - MSSD (Model Secondary School for the Deaf) and will attend Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, in the fall, considering a degree in social work.

Emily Pizzuti—Washington High School and plans to attend WVU in the fall.

Jessica Wells – Washington High School and plans to attend Ferrum College in the fall and has received a Deans Scholarship.

Megan Henshaw – Shepherd University with a Regent Bachelor of Arts degree. Planning to work while obtaining Masters degree in Business Administration.

Sermon Passages: May 30th: Matthew 15:21-28; June 6th: Mathew 15:32-38; June 13th: TBD; June 20th: Matthew 16:13-20; June 27th: Matthew 16:24-28.

The flower chart is available for sign up. Available dates: May 30; June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; August 8, 15, 22, 29; September 12, 19, 26; October 10, 17, 24, 31; November 14, 21, 28; December 12. Sign up by calling church office at 304-725-5316, or by email at ctpres@ctpres.org. Please include your name, phone number or email, name of person(s) and in honor of or memory of. Please take flowers with you following worship.

Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00pm.

Topic: Charles Town Presbyterian Church Bible Study

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

Meeting ID: 962 0204 2739

Passcode: 021517

Online Giving. Online giving helps you to bring your offering before God. In addition to the no-fee Facebook donations and nominal fee Paypal service, we set up online giving through the Presbyterian Foundation. **Money donated via any of these services gets deposited to our church bank account.** By going through the Foundation, the fee they charge actually helps the mission of their organization, which is to help Presbyterian churches to be excellent stewards of their gifts and resources. The exciting part about working with the foundation is that we are able to use a mobile app that is connected to our account. The app is called Give Plus (created by Vanco) and you can find it at the Google Play Store if you have an android device or you may find the app in the Apple app store by searching for "Give Plus." The great part about the Give Plus app is that you can set up for weekly, monthly or one time giving! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.

For electronic giving, please scan here:



The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 23

9:00am

Zoom Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am

Worship Celebration

Wednesday, May 26

7:00pm

Zoom Bible Study

Monday, May 24

5:30-1:00pm

Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)

7:00pm

Zoom Worship & Music Meeting

Thursday, May 27

6:00pm

Homeless Dinner

Tuesday, May 25

7:00pm

Zoom DFM Meeting

Sunday, May 30

9:00am

Zoom Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am

Worship Celebration