

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

Our sending is a recommitment to the mission of Charles Town Presbyterian

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Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings
Offertory

“You, Lord”

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Handt Hanson
arr. Henry Wiens

*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.

*Song

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” No. 817

*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 30, 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 “*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*” arr. Heather Sorenson
(© 2019 Lorenz Publishing) Joseph Parry/Simeon B. Marsh

Call to Worship Psalm 104:31-34

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
**who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!**
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
**May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

*Song “*Shout to the Lord*”
My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

*(Refrain) Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing;
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for you at the work of your hands;
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

For you so loved the world, O God, that you came among us to feel our pain, amplify our joy, and bless our broken stories. For you so loved the world, O God, that you are among us still, calling us by your Spirit to follow in your ways. Forgive us when we do not listen, O God: when we forget the love that you have for us and the love we are called to share with one another. Forgive us, triune God, and let your love transform our lives.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession

“*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*” No. 418 (vs.3)
O for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for 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

“*All My Hope*”
Words & Music by David Crowder/Ed Cash
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Scripture

Matthew 15:21-28

p. 976

Message

“*Surprise, Surprise!*”

Pastor John

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.

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please consider the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: Romans 15; Tuesday: Romans 16; Wednesday: Ephesians 1; Thursday: Ephesians 2; Friday: Ephesians 3.

Birthdays this week in June Jack Huyett, Jamie Hardy.

Anniversaries this week in May: Michael & Heather Duncan

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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--38; Nursery--1; Virtual Views--78

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934
Sunday's Receipts: \$1,175; Special Offerings: Pentecost--\$255; Sunday School--12; Hunger--\$7; Homeless Dinner Donation--\$130

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.

Session News

At the May 18 stated meeting of the session, the elders took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes from the April 20 stated meeting.
- Approved a request from the Mission and Outreach committee to host a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, June 19. Funds raised will be used for the mission of the church.
- 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.
- Revised the in-person worship guidelines in accordance with the latest CDC recommendations. A more detailed explanation can be found in the newsletter and bulletin.
- Approved a recommendation from the session ad-hoc committee tasked with determining where to give ten percent of the gift from Millie Bush. \$25,000 will go to the new Women's Center at Mountaineer Recovery Center, \$20,000 for Jefferson County Community Ministries, specifically for needed upgrades to their electrical system and additional capital improvements, \$6,000 for the Jefferson County chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle.
- Postponed action on the audit report until the June meeting to give elders time to read through the report.
- Agreed to continue session meetings via Zoom through the summer with the hope that we can resume in-person session meetings in September.

Today's Scripture Reading Matthew 15:21-28

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

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

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GRADUATE INFORMATION: We will be recognizing our graduates during the worship service next Sunday, 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: June 6th: Mathew 15:32-38; June 13th: Nehemiah 1:1-11, 1Peter 1:1-11; June 20th: Matthew 16:13-20; June 27th: Matthew 16:24-28.

The flower chart is available for sign up. Available dates: 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.

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.



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The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 30

9:00am Zoom Sunday School (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration

Thursday, June 3

6:00pm Homeless Dinner

Monday, May 31

OFFICE CLOSED
5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)

Saturday, June 5

6:00pm Friendship Meal Ministry

Sunday, June 6

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration

Tuesday, June 1

7:00pm Zoom Mission & Outreach Mtg.