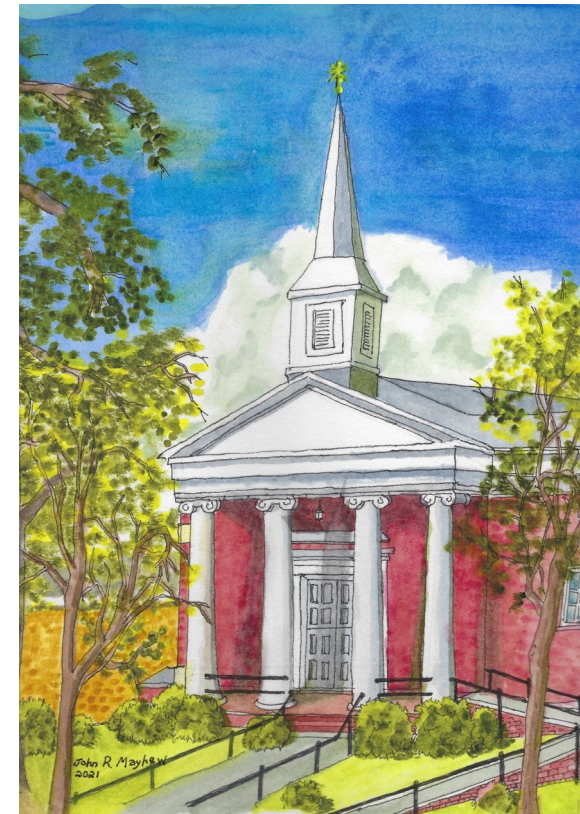


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

*Sung Response “Give Thanks”
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,
“let the poor say, “I am rich”
because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!
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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

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

“Easter Hallelujah”

Leonard Cohen

(© 1985 Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC)

Duet: Anne Portrey and Penny Liston

*Song “In Christ There Is No East or West” No. 318

*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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Please hold the bread and the cup and partake when directed, when all have been served. Gluten free bread is in the center of the tray.

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

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Lamb of God" Twila Paris
(© 1985 and 2003 Straightway Music) setting John Carter
Duet: Pat Dick and Penny Liston

Call to Worship Psalm 150:1-3, 6

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
**Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!**
Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

*Song "Great and Mighty" LUYH No. 29

*Song "Lay It All Down" LUYH No. 92

*Song "Great Is the Lord" LUYH No. 30

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance, that we, too, might be generous with our love.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession "Your Only Son" No. 423 (vs. 3)

I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God.
(Refrain) O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
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Glory Singers

Sung Call to Prayer "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 216 (vs. 1)

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat,
and the burden of the day.

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.

*Song "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" No. 503

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 p. 1148

Message "Reconciled" Pastor John

Musical Offering

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

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.*

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.

Prayer in worship connect us to God and to one another.

The musical offering allows us time to reflect on all that God has given us.

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

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (today’s special music)

Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*(Refrain) Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he set the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

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Today’s Scripture Reading
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;[even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

NOTES:

Tools for a Growing Faith

All are welcome to join us for this six-week study during Lent. Each week will focus on a different topic that is integral to personal discipleship and spiritual growth. This series will be led by Pastor John and Garth Stevens-Jennings. Participants are welcome to attend one, several, or all of the meetings. While the whole series will be of benefit to all who attend, if there are one or two topics that stand out, it is fine to attend only those weeks.

We will meet in the church parlor on Saturdays at 10am.

April 9

Sharing Our Faith

Questions? Email Pastor John at jbethard@ctpres.org,
or Garth at garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org.

We will follow the most recent pandemic guidelines adopted by the session.

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing to Support Ukraine. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing allow for an immediate response from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) when emergencies first occur, often responding to crises that never make it into the news. In this volatile situation, PDA was able to provide urgent funding to trusted, established partners with the expertise to carry out humanitarian aid. Reformed and Orthodox church partners, like the Community of St. Egidio and Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, are working closely with local churches and organizations to provide food, water, clothing, shelter, psychosocial support and other basic items for survival. They are the "boots on the ground," listening and responding to the needs of those impacted. To stay informed about the work Presbyterians are doing in and around Ukraine, visit pcusa.org/pda/ukraine. To learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing and the vital ministries it supports, visit pcusa.org/oghs. In this season of Lent, pray for our siblings in Ukraine. Pray for peace. And pray that all of us will remember that we are the Church, together. OGHs offering will be collected on Resurrection Sunday, April 17th.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: On Palm Sunday, April 10th, is our Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddos. Weather permitting, we will have two different hunts: the 2-5 year olds will hunt on the grass lawn of Mildred street and the 6-10 year olds will hunt for eggs around the playground equipment and the lawn closest to the manse.

Maundy Thursday Service. Please join us Thursday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m., for our Maundy Thursday Service. The offering will go to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Good Friday, April 15h – "Crosswalk" ecumenical journey through Charles Town similar to the Stations of the Cross, beginning at Asbury UMC at 10:00am. We will walk through town stopping at several places to hear reflections on the Passion of Jesus before concluding at Edge Hill Cemetery.

Community Sunrise Service to be held on Sunday, April 17th, at 6:30 a.m., at Jefferson Memorial Park.

The session is looking for a treasurer. Duties include: attending quarterly Joint Finance Team Meetings, ensuring all bookkeeping procedures are being followed, presenting quarterly reports to the Joint Finance Team, and ensuring the annual financial review is completed and presented to Session. This person should be versed in financial practice and able to commit to the tasks outlined above. Interested persons are welcome to contact the chair of the finance committee, Kathy Donadio, at feebler8@gmail.com.

The Congregational Nominating Committee has begun work on securing nominees for elders, deacons, trustees, and at-large members for next year's nominating committee. If you have suggestions for persons the CNC might consider, please be sure to speak with Sue Flanagan, Hoyle Fulbright, Diane Mayhew, David Weil or Patsy White.

Sermon Passages: April 10th: Isaiah 50:4-9; April 17th: Luke 24:1-12; April 24th: TBD; May 1st: Revelation 5:1-14.

Please consider the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: Matthew 14-16; Psalms 64; Tuesday: Matthew 17-19; Psalms 65; Wednesday: Matthew 20-22; Psalms 66; Thursday: Matthew 23-25; Psalms 67; Friday: Matthew 26-28; Psalms 68; Saturday: Judges 1-3; Psalms 69:1-18; Sunday: Judges 4-6; Psalms 69:19-36.

The flower chart for 2022 is available for sign up. It is located on the bulletin board by the church office or call at 304-725-5316. If you would like to donate your flowers for the deacons to deliver to a shut-in or someone in the hospital, please call the church office.

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 Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on the Google Play or Apple App Store. You can set up for weekly, monthly or one time giving! Note: If you were previously using the "Give Plus" app, that has been superseded by the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement as of January 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you. **For electronic giving, please scan here:**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Brooke Smith, Steffen Wells, Anne Portrey, Samantha Rutherford, Jason Mullens, Carol Kable.

Anniversaries this week: Russell & Debra Low.

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. HIPAA law prohibits hospitals from divulging their patient roster.**



Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. Sunday's Receipts: \$4,135; Special Offerings: Hunger—\$118; Sunday School—\$69

Last Sunday Worship: In-person—72; Nursery—3; Virtual Views—99

Ushers for April: Judy Edwards, Debra Low

Ushers for May: TBD

CTPC Upcoming Events:

April 9th: Tools for Growing Faith 10:00am

April 10th: Palm Sunday—Easter Egg Hunt following worship
Beulah Chapel 1:30pm

April 14th: Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm

April 15th: Community Cross Walk at Asbury UMC 10:00am

Good Friday "Come to the Cross" sanctuary open for reflection-meditation-prayer with piano music 3-4:00pm

April 17th: Resurrection Sunday—One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Community Sunrise Service at Jefferson Memorial Park 6:30am

April 18th: OFFICE CLOSED

The week ahead at Charles

Sunday, April 3

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

3-5:00pm Kids' Group

Monday, April 4

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

1:00pm Meals on Wheels board meeting

7:00pm Stewardship & Vision Meeting

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, April 5

7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, April 6

12:30pm Legato Ringers

6:30pm Geneva Ringers

7:00pm CAV Meeting

7:30pm Glory Singers

8:30pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, April 7

8:30am WW Workshop

10:00am WW Workshop

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

5:30pm WW Workshop

Saturday, April 9

10:00am Tools for a Growing Faith

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, April 10—Palm Sunday

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

11:30am Easter Egg Hunt

1:30pm Beulah Chapel