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*Sung Response

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” No. 265 (vs. 5)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” No. 327

*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 11, 2025
10:30 AM



Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
**I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Psalm 34:1-4

*Songs	<i>“Great Is the Lord”</i>	LUYH No. 30
	<i>“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”</i>	(screen)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
God of all eternity, we are so grateful for the life we have in Christ. Too often we let the struggles of the moment or our fear of the world shift our focus away from your promises and hope. Forgive our doubts and help us always to always look to you and your promises. Amen.

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

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song “*What Wondrous Love Is This*” No. 215

Scripture Revelation 7:9-17 p. 1223

Message “*Endgame*” Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *"Forever Reign w/ Jesus Shall Reign"*
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***The congrega-
tion responds in
song because
God hears our
prayer.***

***Prayer in
worship
connects us to
God and to one
another.***

Please pass the offering plate to your neighbors in your pew.

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

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

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” (today's special music)

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me,
And I will open up my heart
and let the healer set me free.
I’m happy to be in the truth
and I will daily lift my hands,
For I will always sing of when
Your love came down.
I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever.
O, I feel like dancin’.
Its’ foolishness, I know.
But when the world has seen the light
they will dance with joy
like we’re dancin’ now!
I could sing of Your Love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever.

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The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 11—Happy Mother’s Day

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

Monday, May 12

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
7:30am A.A. Meeting
5:00pm Prayer Group
7:00pm Technology & Communications
7:30pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

12:00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells
6:00pm Deacons Meeting
7:00pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 14

9:30am Staff Meeting
7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, May 15

2:30pm FCHC
5:30pm Friendship Meal Ministry

Friday, May 16

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, May 17

9:00am World Vision 6K Water Walk
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, May 18

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Music Workers Day celebration
light refreshments in fellowship hall
2:30pm Youth Group
4:00pm Kids Group

Today’s Scripture Reading
Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Notes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

NOTICE: Please excuse our appearance, we are remodeling. The restrooms near the sanctuary will undergo renovations. Please use the restrooms downstairs or near the choir room until further notice! Thank you.

Mother’s/Father’s Day Offering will be collected on Sunday, May 25th. Take this opportunity to pay tribute to your mother and father through the Synod-approved Mother’s/Father’s Day Offering to the Sunnyside Fellowship Fund. This source of income provides comfort to residents at our three communities by knowing they can live out their lives receiving quality care and loving support regardless of their financial situation. These are individuals that, because of medical advances and soaring healthcare costs, have outlived their financial resources. Precious individuals like those that provided parental love, guidance and nurture to us.

Attention Graduates: We would like to honor your achievements. If you have a graduate in your family or know of any graduates (high school or college) in our church family, please call (304-725-5316) or email (ctpres@ctpres.org) their name, high school or college, and future plans to the church office by Monday, May 19th. Graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, June 1st.

The Annual World Vision 6K Walk for Water will occur next Saturday, May 17! This year with the cutting of USAID funds, we feel it's even more important to support this cause for clean water. Doyle Criswell will be heading up this program, as CTPC participates in it for the fourth year. If you feel that you can not walk, would you please consider supporting one of the individuals who have signed up or at least the team? Please go to <https://global6k.worldvision.org/>
1) Click on the "Sign up for 2025" to join the team and enter Charles Town Water Walkers for the team OR
2) Click on the "Donate" button and find Charles Town Water Walkers to donate
3) If you sign up, please consider contacting your friends/family and asking if they would support you. Just follow the same instructions as #2 and once you have signed up, they should be able to find your name in the dropdown menu..
Lastly walkers, don't forget to express your appreciation to your sponsors. It means so very much for them to hear the progress report. If they didn't care, they wouldn't have supported you!

In celebration of Music Worker Sunday, you are invited next Sunday, May 18th, following worship, to join us in celebrating our dedicated and devoted singers and ringers! A light reception in the fellowship hall will be held in their honor. Hosted by the Fellowship & Worship teams.

Yokefellows BBQ Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, May 24th, 4:30-6:30pm. Fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked beans with drink provided. See any Yokefellow for tickets. Adults-\$15, Children under 12 years-\$7; children 5 years and under-Free. Proceeds go to church ministries.

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School to be held Monday, July 7th—Thursday, July 10th, 9am – Noon. **True North, Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.** This VBS is written as an Alaskan Adventure and will include Northern Lights, majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. **True North** focuses on Jesus as a guiding light, helping kids build a rock-solid foundation in their faith. Pass on these dates to your friends and relatives. Let us know if you would be willing to help. Contact Marsha Dibbern (304-671-9715 or marshadib@juno.com) or Garth Stevens-Jennings (garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org.)

Activity Bags for children attending Worship services are now available. Deacons will be offering them to any child attending. Children who are visiting may take the Activity Bag home with them. Children who are regular attenders will leave their bag in the Narthex to be used again the following Sunday.

A nursery is available for children ages 2-5. Please see an usher for more information.

The Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee is seeking an additional attendant for our nursery. This is a paid position to be filled on Sunday mornings from 10:00AM-12:00 noon. We are looking for a Christian individual, 18 years or older, who loves and respects children and is able to provide for their care during the time that parents or caregivers are worshipping. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position. ctpres@ctpres.org.

Worship Help Needed. We need help running the technology used in worship each week. We are seeking two or three people to help run the PowerPoint slides and the camera for our live broadcast. These are fairly simple tasks, and we provide training. Please speak with Pastor John or Roger Snook if you can help.

Online giving helps you to bring your offering before God in a simple, and secure way. You can choose from The Presbyterian Foundation, Facebook, or PayPal, each of which have a nominal fee that you can include as part of your gift. The Presbyterian Foundation fee does help the organization’s mission, and you can easily use a mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on Google Play/Apple AppStore) to set up for repeating or one time giving. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Donation options and tax information at www.ctpres.org (<http://www.ctpres.org>).

The CTPC Hospitality Center has created this wish list to assist in maintenance and growth. All donations greatly appreciated!



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Dea Ping.

Anniversaries this week: David & Jackie Weil, Vincent & Beth Pugh.

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.**

Last Sunday Worship : In-person –N/A; Nursery–N/A; Virtual Views–N/A.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering –\$4.650; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$27; Loose—\$127; Restore God’s House—\$340; Help Fund—\$80; Hunger—\$11; Pentecost—\$5.

Ushers for May: Ruth Scott (head), Gary Scott (counter), Sue Flanagan
Ushers for June: Brooks Kursey (head), Matthew Henshaw (counter), Gary Scott

<u>CTPC Upcoming Events:</u>	
May 17th	World Vision 6K Walk for Water
May 18th	Music Workers reception following worship in fellowship hall
May 24th	Yokefellows BBQ Fundraiser Dinner 4:30-6:30pm
May 26th	OFFICE CLOSED-Memorial Day
June 19th	OFFICE CLOSED-Juneteenth
July 1st	Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm
July 7th-10th	Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon

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