



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 19, 2022
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

"We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit"

Dietrich Buxtehude

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

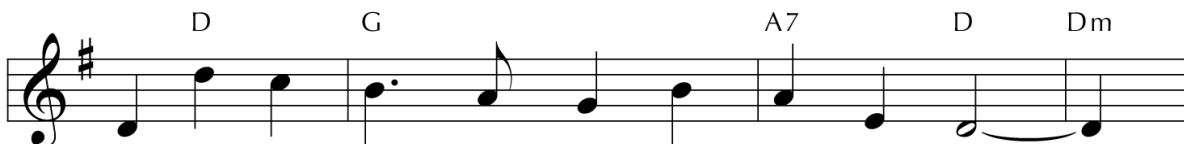
Choral Call to Worship

Hal Hopson

*O be ye joyful, be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before his presence with a song.*



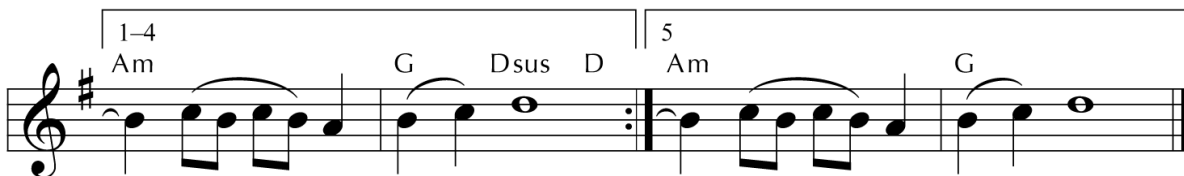
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Chuck Williamson

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and Loving God: when we are ungrateful, remind us of your grace. When we are oblivious, open our eyes. When we are harsh, gentle our spirit. When we are apathetic, show us your suffering children. When we demean ourselves, whisper that we are created in your image. When we lose hope, help us not to despair. So shape us, and turn us around, that we will live with blessing, grace, and light. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 581)

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Time with Children

First Church is on hiatus for the summer. Children will return to their seats to worship with their families. If families are more comfortable in a casual setting, you are invited to worship in the Playground (P206) where the service will be livestreamed and children's worship resources are provided.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

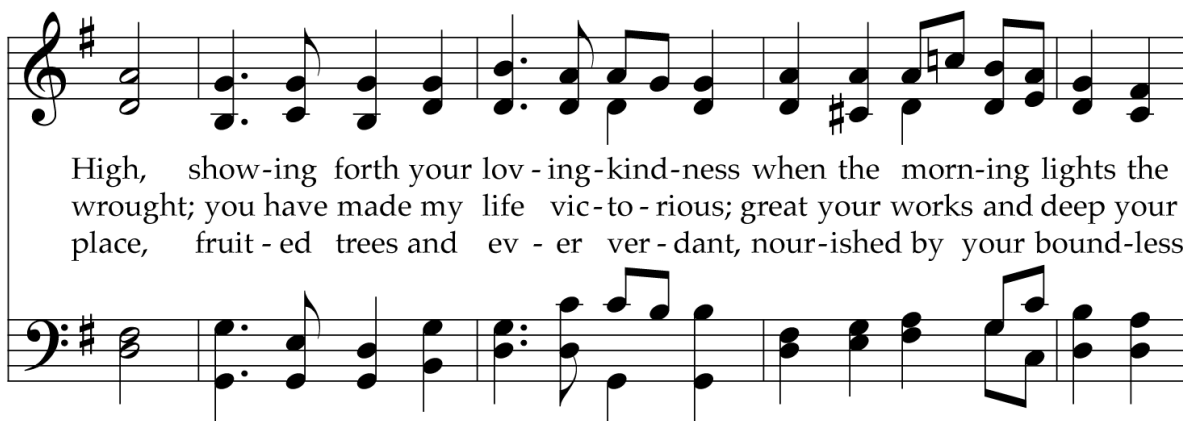
The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel.

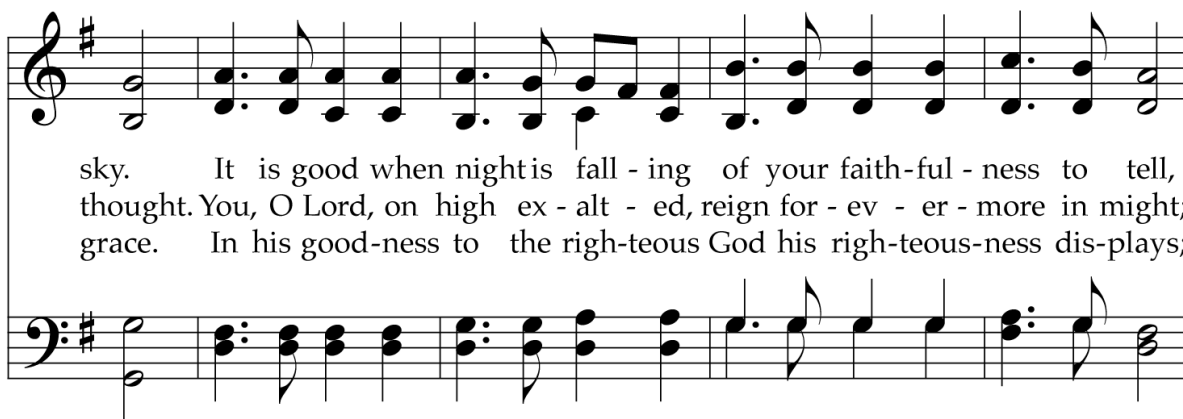
The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of fathers and grandfathers everywhere, by Page and Ed Kizer.



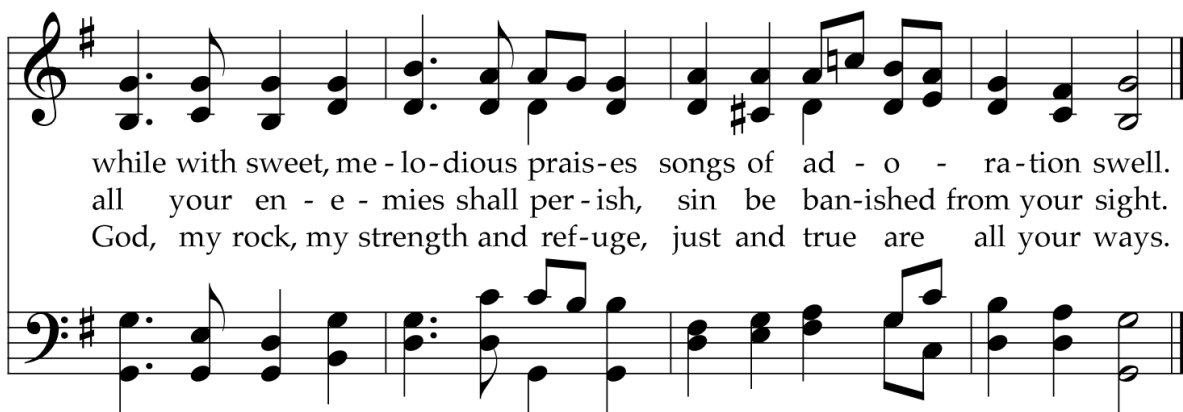
1 It is good to sing your prais-es and to thank you, O Most
2 You have filled my heart with glad-ness through the works your hands have
3 But the good shall live be - fore you, plant - ed in your dwell-ing



High, show-ing forth your lov - ing-kind-ness when the morn-ing lights the
wrought; you have made my life vic-to-rious; great your works and deep your
place, fruit - ed trees and ev - er ver - dant, nour-ished by your bound-less



sky. It is good when night is fall - ing of your faith-ful - ness to tell,
thought. You, O Lord, on high ex - alt - ed, reign for - ev - er - more in might;
grace. In his good-ness to the righ-teous God his righ-teous-ness dis-plays;



while with sweet, me - lo-dious prais-es songs of ad - o - ration swell.
all your en - e - mies shall per-ish, sin be ban-ished from your sight.
God, my rock, my strength and ref-uge, just and true are all your ways.

Scripture

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Sermon

"Essential Prayers: Thanks"

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Music Response

(sung by the choir)

RADIANT CITY

Ten lepers facing constant scorn, emboldened by their daily plight, encountered One whose healing touch was known to put disease to flight. The ten outsiders sought relief: "Have mercy, Master, hear our plea." "Seek out the priests," the Healer said. He knew the walk could set them free.

A nameless junction in the road became a holy turnabout. One awestruck convert spun around and, praising God, began to shout. God gave the space to turn around to all the others on the way, but only one resolved to seize the miracle of grace that day.

Would we have stopped, retraced our steps, and then embraced the living Lord whose word had banished all our sores? What kind of thanks would we afford? God, make of us your living tithes; the first fruits, fit to work for you. Let each be like that one in ten: transformed and cleansed, restored, made new.

Response

*Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

The Reverend Robert Galloway

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Stewardship of Life

Middle School CROSS Commissioning
Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

"This Is the Day"

John Rutter

This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. O praise the Lord of heaven. Praise him in the height. Praise him, all ye angels of his. Praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon. Praise him, all ye stars and light. Let them praise the name of the Lord. For he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. The Lord himself is thy keeper. The Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand so that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil. Yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth. He shall defend thee under his wings. Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart. And put thou thy trust in the Lord.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

MARION

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joice! Re - joice!

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Amen"

John Rutter

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

First Presbyterian Church Announcements

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

Our Pastors

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Senior Pastor

Rev. Peery is on sabbatical through August 31, 2022.

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Are you interested in joining our church?

Contact Jane Ives

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Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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Officer Nominations Now Open, through June 22

We need your help to elect the next class of officers to serve on the Session, Diaconate, and the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. | Access the nomination form at fpc.tiny.us/onc2022 | To request a printed form, email tgaspar@firstpres-charlotte.org.

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