

Music Sunday

LET PRAISES *fill the sky*

June 1, 2025 // 11 a.m. Worship // Seventh Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION

Prelude | Fanfare and Flourishes | James Curnow
Selections from *Suite in D Major, HWV 341* | George Frideric Handel

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Come, people of God—lift up your eyes to the heavens! Christ, our risen Lord, has ascended in glory.

He reigns with God, exalted in majesty and love!

But Christ has not left us alone; the Spirit has come like wind and fire, breathing life into the Church!

We are filled with power, led by the Spirit, sent into the world!

In the mystery of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—we worship the God who is Three-in-One and One-in-Three.

Let us worship our Triune God with awe, joy, and thanksgiving!

+Processional Hymn No. 1 | “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” | NICAEA | arr. Rich Mays
Please stand as the choir passes your pew.

ASCENSION

Anthem | “Come, Christians, Join to Sing!” | Randall Kempton

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King. Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen! Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky. He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend. His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen! Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

Scripture | Selections from Luke 24 and Psalm 46

Reflection | Mary Bowman

Anthem | “Shalom” | Dan Forrest

Peace. Shalom. Peace I leave with you; peace I give to you, not as the world gives. Do not be afraid.

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Congregational Prayer | Lucy Crain

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 the way of your love. For you so loved the world, O God, you sent your son to redeem us.

Christ, who was and is and is to come, you are above us, around us, before us, and within us; you reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us for failing to recognize you in the world around us. Forgive us and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and praise you more fully, today, tomorrow, and forevermore. Amen.

Time with Children

For this week, children ages three **through fourth grade** may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

+Hymn No. 263 | "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" | arr. Michael Burkhardt Congregation sings Stanzas 1, 3, 5; Choir sings Stanzas 2, 4

Unison: 1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
Harmony: 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood
Unison: 5. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his

pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and
 and the gall, go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and
 feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song and

crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
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di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
 last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

Choir Stanzas

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
 ye ransomed from the fall;
 bring forth the royal diadem,
 and crown him Lord of all.

4. Let every kindred, every tribe
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.



PENTECOST

Anthem | Psalm 148 | Gustav Holst

Lord, who hast made us for thine own, hear as we sing before thy throne: Alleluia. Accept thy children's reverent praise for all thy wondrous works and ways. Alleluia. Waves, rolling in on every shore, pause at his footfall and adore. Alleluia. Ye torrents rushing from the hills, bless him whose hand your fountains fills. Alleluia. Earth, ever through the power divine, seedtime and harvest shall be thine. Alleluia. Sweet flowers that perfume all the air, thank him that he hath made you fair. Alleluia. Burn, lamps of night, with constant flame; shine to the honour of his name. Alleluia. Thou sun, whom all the lands obey, renew his praise from day to day alleluia.

Scripture | Acts 2:1-4**Reflection** | Chuck Williamson**Anthem** | "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" | arr. William L. Dawson | Billy Manci, soloist

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke; out of his outh came fire and smoke. Looked all around me; looked so fine till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan river is chilly and cold; it chills the body, but not the soul. There ain't but one train upon this track; it runs to heaven and right back. Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer | Lucy Crain

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | "i thank You God for most this amazing day" | arr. Dan Forrest

I thank you God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky, and for everything which is natural, which is infinite, which is yes. I who have died am alive again today, and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birthday of life and love and wings, and of the gay great happening illimitably earth. How should tasting, touching, hearing, seeing any – lifted from the no of all nothing – human merely being doubt unimaginable you? Now the ears of my ears awake and now the eyes of my eyes are opened. I thank you God for most this amazing day.

TRINITY

Scripture | Romans 5:1-5**Reflection** | Pen Peery**Anthem** | "O Clap Your Hands" | John Rutter

O clap your hands together, all ye people. O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared; he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out a heritage for us, even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises unto our God: O sing praise, unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding. O clap your hands together all ye people.

+Hymn No. 611 | "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" | HYMN TO JOY**PRAYER
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+Benediction**+Benediction Response** | “A Gaelic Blessing” | John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you.

Postlude | Finale from *Symphony No. 1, Op. 14* | Louis Vierne**IN LOVING MEMORY**

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Allen Shifflet upon the death of his father, Ken Shifflet, on May 26, 2025.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jill and Don Olmstead by Marc Gustafson.

If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at dianenmaye@hotmail.com.

Today's Worship Leaders:

The Reverend Pendleton B. Peery, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Mary Bowman, Parish Associate

The Reverend Lucy M. Crain, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission

The Reverend Dr. Charles Williamson, Parish Associate

William P. Young, III, Director of Music Ministries

Kaitlyn Davros, Assistant Director of Music Ministries

Guest Musicians: David Dennis, Tadd Hoffman, Brian Winegardner, Paige Quillen, Gabriel Crane, Joe Skillen, Lenora Leggatt, Angela Watson, Ben Geller, Oksana McCarthy, John Mooney, Justin Cheesman, Trevor Cook

Sanctuary Choir: Sara Blumenthal, Scott Bryan*, Nan Cherry, Melissa Childers, Julie Cramerson, Katie Daugherty, Loretta Giles*, Beryl Ierardi, Elizabeth Ignasher, Anne Lafferty*, Fran Landess*, Mary Ann Langston, Christina Pier, Lillian Quackenbush*, Lauren Russell**, Susan Shimp*, Jylian Taylor, Martha Thorpe, Carla Faust Bare*, Suzie Black, Pam Dennis*, Barb Frith, Tonda Gridley, Kelly Harder, DiAn Kempf Jones, Carolyn Jones, Janet Lyman, Karen MacKenzie, Meg McReynolds, Caryn Overbey, Gwen Scott, Blair Shiff, Kacie Coughlin Thomson, Libby Tilson*, Melanie Twyne, Jane Whitley, Hank Griffin, Skipper Johnson, Eric Langer, Kent Main*, Branden Nicholson**, Warren Overbey, Dave Quackenbush*, Alan Turner, David M. Wells*, David W. Wells, Harlan Carroll, David Dennis, Bill Fleet, Jeff Hollowell, Richard Lafferty*, Bill Lynch, Billy Mancini, Andy Parse, Jim Twyne, Marty Walker*, David Williamson

*Not Present Today

**Guest Singers

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NEW FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!

Coffee and Conversation

Sundays, June 8-August 17, 9:45 a.m., P209

Gather for a casual opportunity to explore, ask questions, and develop new appreciation for texts that shape our faith. Guided by Rob Spach, Parish Associate, who will guide discussion on various creeds, confessions, and common prayers that are part of our Reformed Tradition. He will not be "teaching"; instead, he'll open up space for people to react and discuss the text before them.

Spiritual Direction

Are you longing for a deeper connection with God? Curious about where God may be leading you? Spiritual direction can help you deepen your relationship with God or discern God's calling in your life. Sessions are guided by a trained spiritual director and may include prayer, conversation, and silence, offering an unhurried space to share freely without fear of judgment. If you have questions about spiritual direction, contact Rob Spach at rspach@firstpres-charlotte.org or scan the QR code to schedule your first session online.

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July 21-23, 9-11:30 a.m.

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