

## THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

July 12, 2020 11:00 a.m.

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

To all who mourn and long for comfort;

To all who struggle and desire victory;

To all who sin and need a Savior;

To all who are strangers and want fellowship;

To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;

And to whoever will come —

This church opens wide her doors

And offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:6; 58:9

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon him while He is near. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, "Here I am."

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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17



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#### 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.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Leader: Lord God, in this season we are reminded that You became flesh and dwelt among humanity with perfect love for God and perfect love for neighbor. You entered into this world and the lives of others to bring light and life.

All: We confess that, at times, we have neglected God and others. We confess that we have not entered into the lives of others in love. We repent of these sins and come to You in confidence, knowing Your steadfast love for us endures forever. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 34:1-22, page 663

### Zedekiah to Die in Babylon

34 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army and all the kingdoms of the earth under his dominion and all the peoples were fighting against Jerusalem and all of its cities: <sup>2</sup> "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: Behold, I am giving this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire. <sup>3</sup> You shall not escape from his hand but shall surely be captured and delivered into his hand. You shall see the king of Babylon eye to eye and speak with him face to face. And you shall go to Babylon.' <sup>4</sup> Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah! Thus says the LORD concerning you: 'You shall not die by the sword. <sup>5</sup> You shall die in peace. And as spices were burned for your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so people shall burn spices for you and lament for you, saying, "Alas, lord!" For I have spoken the word, declares the LORD."

<sup>6</sup>Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah, in Jerusalem, <sup>7</sup>when the army of the king of Babylon was fighting against Jerusalem and against all the cities of Judah that were left, Lachish and Azekah, for these were the only fortified cities of Judah that remained.

<sup>8</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people in Jerusalem to make a proclamation of liberty to them, <sup>9</sup> that everyone should set free his Hebrew slaves, male and female, so that no one should enslave a Jew, his brother. <sup>10</sup> And they obeyed, all the officials and all the people who had entered into the covenant that everyone would set free his slave, male or female, so that they would not be enslaved again. They obeyed and set them free. <sup>11</sup> But afterward they turned around and took back the male and female slaves they had set free, and brought them into subjection as

slaves. <sup>12</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>13</sup> "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I myself made a covenant with your fathers when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, saying, <sup>14</sup> 'At the end of seven years each of you must set free the fellow Hebrew who has been sold to you and has served you six years; you must set him free from your service.' But your fathers did not listen to me or incline their ears to me. <sup>15</sup> You recently repented and did what was right in my eyes by proclaiming liberty, each to his neighbor, and you made a covenant before me in the house that is called by my name, <sup>16</sup> but then you turned around and profaned my name when each of you took back his male and female slaves, whom you had set free according to their desire, and you brought them into subjection to be your slaves.

<sup>17</sup> "Therefore, thus says the LORD: You have not obeyed me by proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother and to his neighbor; behold, I proclaim to you liberty to the sword, to pestilence, and to famine, declares the LORD. I will make you a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. <sup>18</sup> And the men who transgressed my covenant and did not keep the terms of the covenant that they made before me, I will make them like the calf that they cut in two and passed between its parts— <sup>19</sup> the officials of Judah, the officials of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf. <sup>20</sup> And I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their lives. Their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth. <sup>21</sup> And Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials I will give into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their lives, into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon which has withdrawn from you. <sup>22</sup> Behold, I will command, declares the LORD, and will bring them back to this city. And they will fight against it and take it and burn it with fire. I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant."

#### THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Trinity Hymnal No. 734

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.

#### \* HYMN OF PREPARATION

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## Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Rom. 8:35



Charles Wesley, 1740

ABERYSTWYTH 7.7.7.7.D. Joseph Parry, 1879

"Blessed Are Those Who Believe" John 20:24-31, ESV page 907

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### 705

# I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. 2 Tim. 1:12



#### \* Doxology

Trinity Hymnal No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Amen

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#### \*\*TITHES AND OFFERINGS

At this time, we do not plan to collect the offering by passing the plate. These are available in the back of the sanctuary. Online or mail-in giving are still encouraged, but you can drop a check in the plate if that is more convenient.

**ONLINE:** <a href="http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/">http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/</a>

**MAIL:** Please mail tithe checks (no cash) to the treasurer's address. She will immediately deposit to the church's account and forward the Wells Fargo e-mail confirmation to you:

Marilyn Spencer - BPC Treasurer 3020 Shaker Drive Charlotte, NC 28210

#### CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

5/31/20 YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$125,751	\$141,333	(\$15,582)
Expenses	\$138,672	\$141,333	(\$2,661)
Net Income/ (Deficit)	(\$12,921)	\$0	(\$12,921)

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