

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

September 13, 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

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67:3-5

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

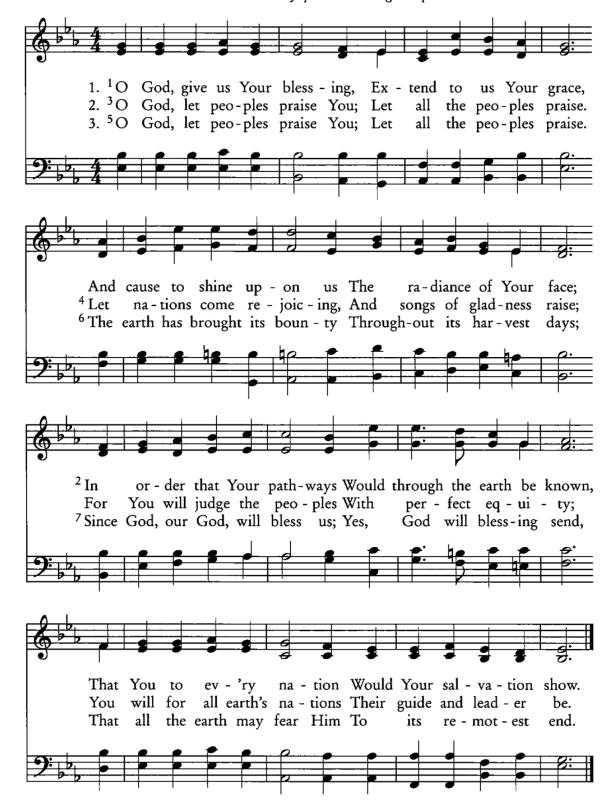
People: Yes, let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you!

O God, Give Us Your Blessing

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. - Ephesians 1:3

Psalm 67



PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

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

John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

Leader: O Lord our God, we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil.

All: We are unable on our own to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments.

Leader: But, Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and all our evil ways.

All: Have compassion on us, most gracious God, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Grant to us your grace, that we might do your will.

All: Accept us now through Jesus Christ. Remove our guilt and send to us your Holy Spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 10:10-11

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved... As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

Spirit of the Living God

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That you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Eph. 3:19



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 38:7-13, page 666

Jeremiah Rescued from the Cistern

⁷When Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern—the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate— ⁸Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, ⁹ "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city." ¹⁰Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, "Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies." ¹¹So Ebed-melech took the men with him and went to the house of the king, to a wardrobe in the storehouse, and took from there old rags and worn-out clothes, which he let down to Jeremiah in the cistern by ropes. ¹²Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Put the rags and clothes between your armpits and the ropes." Jeremiah did so. ¹³Then they drew Jeremiah up with ropes and lifted him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

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.

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THE PRAYER FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth. Is. 45:22





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THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

"Entrusted with the Gospel" Galatians 2:1-10, page 972

Paul Accepted by the Apostles

2 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ²I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—⁵ to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶ And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised 8 (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11



* BENEDICTION

* 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: http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/

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

7/31/20 YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$205,868	\$197,867	\$8,001
Expenses	\$190,478	\$197,867	(\$7,389)
Net Income/ (Deficit)	\$15,390	\$0	\$15,390

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