



SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday of Easter | May 7, 2023

"Look," [Stephan] said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him.

Acts 7:56-57

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.
All speak words in **boldface**.)*

CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALLED TO WORSHIP BY MUSIC

(When the chimes toll, let us silently open our spirit to God's presence.)

Ringing of the Trinity

Perfect Peace

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Handbell Choir (11:00 AM)

OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 31:1-16)*

Carol Kauffman, liturgist (11:00 AM)

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear and rescue me; be a refuge for me.

You are my rock and my fortress;
lead me and guide me.
Into your hand I commit my spirit,
for you have redeemed me,
O faithful Lord.

**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

*HYMN #661

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

SPARROW

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior and Redeemer, you commission prophets and apostles to declare your reign, but we reject the claim that you have upon our lives. We ignore calls for reconciliation; we reject the possibility of peace. We fan flames of discord to get what we want, instead of what you want for us. Lord, have mercy. Upend our lives and our priorities and set us on a right path. Instill humble and obedient hearts within us, so that we may raise our voice to proclaim you Lord of all.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

IN BABILONE

***Hallelujah, hallelujah; all you peoples, praise proclaim.
For God's grace and loving kindness O sing praises to his name.
For the greatness of his mercy constant praise to him accord.
For his faithfulness eternal, hallelujah, praise the Lord!***

TEXT: Psalm 117; vers. Psalter, 1887, alt. PD

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:1-14

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 AM)

MUSIC

For Everyone Born

Arr. Tom Trenney

Sue Andersen, 8:30AM Chancel Choir, Chad Hammer, cello, 11:00 AM

(See hymn #769, vv. 1, 3 & 5 for the text.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 7:55-60

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Forced Turnover"
Rev. George W. Chapman III

TO RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed

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LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Thanksgiving

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People

Communion Music: *Come to the Table*

arr. Michael Helman

Handbell Choir (11:00 AM)

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

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OFFERING

*Sung Response, *All Glory Be to God*

FESTAL SONG

All glory be to God who reigns eternally!

Let all creation join to praise the glorious Trinity.

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*Prayer of Dedication

THEN DEPART BLESSED TO SERVE

*HYMN

Christ, the Way We're Called to Follow

LAUDS ANIMA

***Christ, the Way we're called to follow,
Christ, the Way that leads to God,
when some other path attracts us,
keep us on the road you trod.***

***Jesus, Master, Friend, and Savior,
be our Way, our Life, our Truth!***

***Christ, the Truth beyond all knowledge,
Christ, the Truth that sets us free,
when confusion clouds our vision,
touch our eyes that we may see.***

***Jesus, Master, Friend, and Savior,
be our Truth, our Way, our Life!***

***Christ, the Life so full, so loving,
Christ, the Life that never ends,
when we fail or fear or stumble,
Lord, forgive; your hand extend.***

***Jesus, Master, Friend, and Savior,
be our Life, our Truth, our Way!***

***Christ, our Master, Friend, and Savior,
Christ, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us through our life's long journey,
grant us strength for each new day.***

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to you, O living Lord!

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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00 AM)

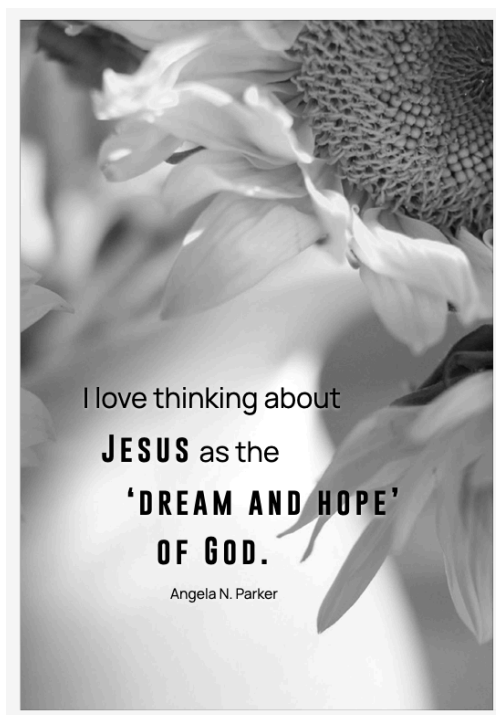
O Christ, the Dream and Hope of God

arr. Michael Larkin

*O Christ, the dream and hope of God,
your way, your truth, your life make clear:
in God we live to do, to be,
the dream, the hope, for all in need.*

TEXT: John 14:6; Acts 17:28; Commentary by Angela N. Parker from working preacher.org; Randy Warner © 2023

SENDING MUSIC



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