



SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday of Easter | May 21, 2023

But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

1 Peter 4:13-14

*(*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.)

Ring of the Trinity

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

arr. Wilbur Held

OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 47)*

Scott Taylor, liturgist (11:00 AM)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome;
the Lord is king over all the earth.**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God; sing praises to our King.

God is king over the nations; God sits on God's holy throne.

*HYMN #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, we confess how suffering takes us far from you. We blame you for the pain of the world, while resenting the ways that others are blessed. We harden our hearts to your grace and close our minds to your truth. Have mercy, Lord. Forgive our forgetfulness. Remind us of how you suffer with us and suffer for us, so that we might be made whole by the healing power of your love.

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: Acts 1:6-14

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 AM)

MUSIC *You Alone Are God* Mary McDonald
Gail Thomas, 8:30AM; Chancel Choir, 11:00 AM (See insert for the text.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Past Imperfect"
Rev. George W. Chapman III

To RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed hymnal p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER hymnal p. 35

RECOGNITION OF 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS (11:00 AM)

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

Tell Out My Soul

FINLANDIA

*(Based on the New English Bible translation of the Magnificat,
Luke 1:46-55)*

***Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done.
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!***

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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00 AM)

SENDING MUSIC