



SHALLOTTE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday after Pentecost | July 9, 2023

COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT."

MATTHEW 11:28-30

*(*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

Guest Organist - Neil Kraft

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

And also with you.

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC

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

"As We Gather In Your Presence"

S. Chavez-Melo

OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER (adapted from Psalm 145:8-14)

Kitty Green, Liturgist

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion rules over all he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you,
O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your everlasting kingdom,
and tell of your power.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

**The LORD upholds all who are weak,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

*HYMN #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all, you are the strength of all who place their trust in you. Yet we confess how our faith is weak. Instead of taking discipleship seriously, we play petty games and complain when we do not get our way. We are quick to judge others and slow to acknowledge your authority as Ruler of all. Forgive us, Lord. Show us the true power of your love and grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to seek your will in all that we say and do, so that all of your children may know true friendship and peace.

SILENT PRAYER / ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581

GLORIA PATRI (Greatest)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 7:15-25a

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MUSIC "Come to the Water" Foley, S.J.
Sung by Wayne Tillman

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water, Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

SERMON "Load Bearing Will"
Rev. George W. Chapman III

TO RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

*Doxology #606, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Prayer of Dedication

THEN DEPART BLESSED TO SERVE

*HYMN #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION/SENDING MUSIC



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