



SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday of Easter | May 14, 2023

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

Acts 17:24-25

*(*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.)

Ringling of the Trinity

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 66:8-20)*

Lurae Albert, liturgist (11:00 AM)

Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard.

**For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what the Lord has done.

**Blessed be God,
because the Lord has not rejected my prayer
or removed the Lord's steadfast love from me.**

*HYMN #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you are the one in whom we live and move and have our being, but we confess how we seek comfort in other gods – gods we can see; gods we can touch; gods we can control. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the vision to see how you are making your presence known in the world. May we discover the courage necessary to testify to the Good News of your redeeming love, so that all may hear, understand, and believe.

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: 1 Peter 3:13-22

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 AM)

MUSIC *Be Still, and Know That I Am God* David Lantz III

Gail Thomas, 8:30AM; Chancel Choir, 11:00 AM

Be still, and know that I am God, the God of strength, the God of truth; I am your refuge in your time of fear, and you will know that I am near. Be still, and know that I am God, the God who like a shepherd leads the sheep, the God whose thunder stirs the mighty deep. Be still, and know that I am God. Though waters may roar and mountains may shake, and danger fills your heart with deep despair, in quiet confidence, you'll find me through your prayers, and know that I am near. Be still, and know that I am God. In times of pain, in times of war; in me find solitude and perfect peace. Keep faith, my wonders never cease. Be still, and know that I am God, the God of strength, the God of truth. With love, I speak the heav'nly words you hear so you will know that I am near. Trust in me, for I am here. Be still, and know that I am God. TEXT: Gene Grier. © Copyright 2005 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc. CCLI: #1660168

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 17:22-31

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

SERMON

"Sects & the City"
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

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 #735 *I Need Thee Every Hour* NEED

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00 AM)

O Christ, the Dream and Hope of God arr. Michael Larkin

SENDING MUSIC



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