



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

7th Sunday after Pentecost | July 19, 2020

PRELUDE

The Servant Song

arr. David Haas

Gail Thomas, soprano; Alberta Gisel, alto; Ken Curry, tenor; Chad Hammer, bass
Lynn Auman, Molly Fredericks, & Laura Viau, handchimes

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim & Jane Townsend

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

With our words and in our actions, **let us praise the living God.**

With our lips and in our lives, **let us glorify the Lord.**

HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

HYMN TO JOY

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

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PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Holy God, who calls the worlds into being,
who calls us into Christ's church;

we thank you for the church that is our true home,

**for the mission of the church that is our true joy,
for the ministry of the church that is our proper task.**

We thank you for the ministry of this denomination

**for its faithful witness in the struggle for justice and peace,
for its example in caring ways.**

We thank you for the ministry of the church in this place,

**for pastors and people who over time
have praised your name and served your Way.**

We thank you for the gifts of scripture and prayer;

strong paths by which your Spirit flows into the church.

In our reading, in our praying, we yield ourselves to you:

**open our senses to discern your will for us now;
refocus our mission and ready our gifts for ministry
in the community and in the world.**

Gracious God, move us beyond ourselves—

beyond any excuses, any resentments, any single-minded ways.

Merciful God, forgive, renew, and guide us,

**that we may become a resounding song of praise
with all of the glory going to you.**

We pray in the name of Jesus crucified, the lord of the church.

Amen. *(Prayer adapted from, Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

My friends, hear this good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

In that promise is the power to love your neighbor and yourselves;

the courage to be a community united in faith, hope, and love.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875 P.D. TUNE: William Howard Doane, 1875 P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Care and Feeding”
The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship fo the

Rev. Laura Viau

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

This Is Our Life’s Chief End

ST. THOMAS

***This is our life’s chief end, our purpose and our goal:
to love and serve the Holy One with heart and strength and soul.***

We reach out to the lost and lift up those who fall.

This is the mission of the church: to show God’s love for all.

*For Shallotte Presbyterian Church, Shallotte, North Carolina.
Based on Question One of the Westminster Shorter Catechism (Book of Confessions, 7.001),
the Great Commandment (Deut. 6:5), and
the Great Ends of the Church (Book of Order, F-1.0304).*

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PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

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.

HYMN

Live into Hope

TRURO

***Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one’s daily bread, to hear God’s word and thus be fed.***

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.

God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

Jon-Jon Braxton, acolyte

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The rosebud on the communion table celebrates the birth of Eliza Kate Russ on July 4th. Her proud grandparents are, Polly & Rusty Russ. Born several weeks early, Eliza came home on the 14th.

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