



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

7th Sunday after Pentecost | July 19, 2020

## PRELUDE

*Praise Ye the Lord (based on Ps. 150)*

J. Jefferson Cleveland

Sue Anderson, soprano; Laura Viau, alto; Wayne Tillman, tenor; Chad Hammer, bass

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Don & Carol Kauffman

*(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

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HEREIN

***Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!***

***O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!***

***All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;***

***join me in glad adoration!***

***Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!***

***All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!***

***Let the amen sound from his people again;***

***gladly for aye we adore him.***

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. P.D. TUNE: Stralsund Erneverten Gesangbuch, 1665 P.D.

## 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*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Gail Thomas, soprano; Alberta Gilsel, alto; Ken Curry, tenor; Chad Hammer, bass  
Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

***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

Hebrews 9:1-7, 11-14

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

“Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise”  
Maintenance of Divine Worship

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.***

*(hymn continues on next page)*

***We share the Spirit's gifts in water, bread, and wine.  
This is the mission of the church: to let God's glory shine.***

*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

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help us to be witnesses for you:

**“Loving the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength  
and your neighbor as yourself.**

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never run our of room for one more.

**We pray for the mission of the church: to let your glory shine.**

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and honor what is right.

**We pray for the mission of the church: to keep your truth and light.**

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never run our of room for one more.

**We pray for the mission of the church: to let your glory shine.**

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and lift up those who fall.

**We pray for the mission of the church: to show your love for all.**

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and live what we confess.

**We pray for the mission of the church: to seek your righteousness.**

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what we have seen and heard.

**Let us pray for the mission of the church: to speak your saving word.**

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work and pray until Christ comes again.

**Let us pray for the mission of the church: to share your holy reign.**

**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

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

AUSTRIA

*You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.  
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.  
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.  
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.*

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BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

SURGE ECCLESIA

Jasmine Braxton, acolyte

Alleluia, alleluia: God the wonder of our days. God the wonder of our days. Amen.

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The rosebud this week celebrates the birth of **Maximus B. Montague**, born on July 17th. His proud grandparents are George and Barbara Montague. Chip, his wife, Jackie, and baby live in Jacksonville, Florida.

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