



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

11th Sunday after Pentecost | August 16, 2020

## PRELUDE

*The Journey is Our Home*

Allen Pote

Sue Anderson, soprano; Susan Pearce, alto; Wayne Tillman, tenor; Ken Curry, bass  
Don Kauffman, camera operator

Awake, arise, the journey's begun. We travel on together as one. We know not where the road will lead, but we move in faith making love our creed as we follow; the journey is our home. Good travelers walk with company, sharing bread with those in need. Giving help along the way to those who fall, who wander astray as we follow; the journey is our home. Join with us in jubilee. Celebrate God's family. Sing together joyfully. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Praise for evermore! God moves with us as we go. He hears our cry, our pain He knows. Yet far beyond the setting sun, there shines a light of a victory won; the journey, the journey is our home. Join with us in jubilee. Celebrate God's family. Sing together joyfully. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jon-Jon & Jasmine Braxton

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

The God of creation makes us one in body!

**Let us give witness in faith, hope, and love!**

The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

**Let us worship God in joyful praise!**

## HYMN

*We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Molly Frederick & Wayne Tillman, vocalists;  
Laura Viau, guitar; Chad Hammer, soprano mandolin

***We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

#### 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 Gisel, 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.

ANTHEM

*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

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.

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.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:31-46

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Servant Song:

Rev. Carol McDonald

The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World”

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

*This Is Our Life's Chief End*

ST. THOMAS

**1. *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.***

**2. *We watch and work and pray  
until Christ comes again.  
This is the mission of the church:  
to share God's holy reign.***

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). Text: David Gambrell, © 2020 Music: *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763; adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770 P.D. Text reprinted with permission.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

*(Please join with us responsively.)*

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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.**

*(Sung:) You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!*

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never run out 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.**

*(Sung:) Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

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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.

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

*(Sung:) Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

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what we have seen and heard.

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

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work and pray until Christ comes again.

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

*(Sung:) A - - - - - men.*

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**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.**

Prayer includes adapted material from “This Is Our Life’s Chief End” by David Gambrell; an Affirmation of Faith by Rev. Scott Cervas; and, “Seek Ye First” Tune & Text by Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon. Tune: Karen Lafferty, 1971. Text and Music © 1972 Brentwood Publishing/Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa dba CCCM Music (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com) Reprinted by permission CCLI: #1660168.

## BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING HYMN      *We Are One in the Spirit*      THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS  
Jon-Jon Braxton, acolyte

***All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

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