



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10th Sunday after Pentecost | August 9, 2020

PRELUDE *Fantasia on Beloved Hymns* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
SPC Bell Choir; Don Kauffman, camera operator

CALL TO WORSHIP George & Alberta Gilsel
(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 *Today We All are Called to Be Disciples* KINGS FOLD
Molly Frederick & Wayne Tillman, vocalists;
Laura Viau, guitar; Chad Hammer, soprano mandolin

***God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.
Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.***

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985 TUNE: English County Songs, 1893 Text © 1989 H. Kenn Carmichael

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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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

Matthew 25:31-46

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Rev. Laura Viau

The Promotion of Social Righteousness

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 serve the common good and live what we confess.
This is the mission of the church: to seek God's righteousness.***

*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

(Please join in this responsive prayer.)

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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.

We 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.

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.

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.

HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

TEXT: African American spiritual TUNE: African American spiritual; arr: Wendell P. Whalum, 1984

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

Jasmine Braxton, acolyte

Alleluia, alleluia: Christ, our present, past, and goal. Christ our present, past, and goal.

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