



Shallotte Presbyterian Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9th Sunday of Pentecost | July 25, 2021

CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Greet each other in joy. When the chimes toll, let us prepare silently for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Friends of Christ, who are we?

We are ordinary, flawed, blessed-by-God, people.

We are more. We are saints! In the eyes of God, we are holy.

Yet, we cannot do this alone.

We are called to be saints together.

**Alive and growing up in Christ together,
and living for the praise of God's glory.**

Let us answer the call to worship God.

*HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON
*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.)*

***Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.***

***Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!***

***Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.***

***Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.***

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

... We silently confess our short-comings to you. *(Silent confession)*

O God,

forgive us, and gift us again with your grace.

**Help us grow up in Christ and walk worthy
on the road you call us to walk. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, when we are wet with the waters of baptism, we are not just washed clean, we are made new: we are God's beloved children, made saints, set free, and forgiven – and that is very good news! And remember this: even after the water dries, we remain wet because, in the eyes of God, we are:

God's beloved children, made holy, set free, and forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON
***O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.***

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt. PD MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813 PD.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:11-22

MUSIC *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* arr. Dale Wood
 Vicki Chadwick, soprano; Ken Curry, tenor

SERMON "Demolition and Renovation" Rev. Laura Viau

TO RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

TO DEPART BLESSED TO SERVE

*HYMN

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

***There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.***

***Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.***

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*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE | CLOSING MUSIC

“Jesus brings us home, Jesus brings us together, Jesus breaks down hostility,
Jesus re-creates us as a unified humanity, Jesus reconciles all of us to God. . .

A lot of action goes into making peace – and Jesus is the action.”

Eugene Peterson



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