



Shallotte Presbyterian Church

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday after Pentecost | July 4, 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

Molly Fredericks & Wayne Tillman, liturgists

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

Friends of Christ, what is the church?

**A group of ordinary, flawed and forgiven, people.**

Yes! Alive in Christ, growing up in Christ, and

**and live for the praise of God's glory.** (Eph. 2:5, 4:13-15, 1:14)

Let us worship God.

### \*HYMN

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

*(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.)*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.**

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. PD MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Glaser, 1828 PD

### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Glorious God, **what a blessing you are!**

You have taken us to the high places of blessing in Christ.

Long before you laid down earth's foundations,

you chose us as the focus of your love,

that by your love we would be made whole and holy.

Long, long ago, you adopted us into your family,

that we might know your lavish gift-giving

by the hand of your beloved Son.

By the sacrifice of the Messiah,

you made us a free people  
and you made us a forgiven people.  
You let us in on the long-range plan  
in which *everything*—in deepest heaven and on planet earth—  
would be brought together and summed up in Christ.  
You have given us your Holy Spirit,  
the seal and pledge of our inheritance. (Eph. 1:3-18, *The Message*)

**All praise and glory be to you, O God,  
for the richness of your grace,  
for the splendor of your gifts,  
for the wonder of your love.**

Lord, have mercy,  
for the times we are stuck in our immature ways:  
sometimes by living a spiritual life without being bothered with people;  
and other times by doing good works without bothering with you.  
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—practice resurrection—  
and walk worthy on the road you call us to walk.**  
**Each day, may we remember our calling, use our Spirit-gifts,  
and live for each celebration of your presence in the world. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Friends, God has heard our plea for forgiveness. According to the riches of his  
grace, which God has lavished upon us, receive this good news:  
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. (Eph. 1:7)

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE      *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*      AZMON  
**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

**TO HEAR GOD’S WORD OF GRACE**

SCRIPTURE READING      Ephesians 1:1-2, 4:1, 7

MUSIC      *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*      arr. Mary McDonald

Janie King, piano

SERMON

"Grace, Peace, and Purpose"

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      Apostle's Creed

**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

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

***Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."***

***Jesus calls us; by the mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.***

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 P.D. TUNE: William H. Jude, 1887 P.D.

### \*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE | CLOSING MUSIC



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