



Shallotte Presbyterian Church

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

13th Sunday after Pentecost | August 22, 2021

## CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

### GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

arr. Fred Bock

Janie King, piano

*(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.

\*HYMN

*Thine Is the Glory*

MACCABAEUS

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

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

God of all glory and grace,  
your glory flows through all generations,  
as you name every family in heaven and on earth.  
Your grace is higher than the farthest star;  
your peace is deeper than our greatest emptiness;  
your love spans the abyss of death;  
your hope stretches into all eternity.  
When our lives bottom out, your grace is still our bedrock;  
when our spirits run dry, you fill us with your joy;  
when we falter in our faith, you strengthen us  
to serve with hope and peace.

Steadfast God, forgive our immaturity:  
while you make us all a "household for God," (Eph. 2:19)  
we put up walls between ourselves and others;  
while you make everyone a "holy temple in the Lord," (Eph. 2:21)  
we note the differences between us and others;  
while you make us all – even strangers and aliens –  
a "dwelling place for God." (Eph. 2:22)  
we run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us,  
We silently confess our short-comings to you.

*(Silent confession)*

O God,  
**forgive us, and gift us again with your grace.**  
**Help us to 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

*Thine Is the Glory*

MACCABAEUS

***Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.***

TEXT: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884; trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt. PD MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1748 PD.

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-17

MUSIC

*Called to Service*

Lloyd Larson/Jan McGuire

Molly Frederick, soprano; Wayne Tillman, tenor

SERMON

"Armed and Ready"

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

\*WE SING GOD'S GIFTS OF SAVIOR AND CHURCH

***The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.***

AURELIA

***She is his new creation by water and the word.***

***From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.***

***With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.***

***Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;***

WEBB

***the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:***

***put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r;***

***where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.***

***For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;***

ST. THOMAS

***to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.***

***God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;***

CWM RHONDDA

***crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.***

***Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,***

***for the facing of this hour.***

TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt. MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864, AURELIA; TEXT & MUSIC: George Duffield (1858), WEBB;

TEXT: Timothy Dwight, 1800 MUSIC: The Universal Psalmist, 1763; adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770, ST. THOMAS

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt. MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907, CWM RHONDDA

\*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC

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"We are witnesses to a unique and revealed way of life in the practice of resurrection – resurrection not as an abstract doctrine or 'truth,' not as a strategy or program, but as personally incarnate in Jesus and now in us."

Eugene Peterson

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