



Shallotte Presbyterian Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

15th Sunday after Pentecost | September 5, 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**.)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

May our worship not hide these things from our children.

**May our worship make known the wonders God has done,
the practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful disciples!**

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,
for glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

God of the ages, **we praise and adore you.**

We give you thanks

for the witness of the faithful to the truth of your presence,
for the testimony in scripture of your leading.

You spoke through the scribes

as they recorded the commandments;
you inspired the poets

as they penned their praise and thanksgiving.

Through the Christ,

you bring the light of the gospel into our lives today.
Through the Spirit
you spark the faith of each new generation;
you activate the gifts in each new member;
and inspire each of us – both young and old –
to change our small corner of the world for good.
Yet, even though each generation
is surrounded and held securely
in your love and presence,
our love falls short – each generation, each week, each day –
so we pause now to confess silently to you.

(Silent confession)

O God, **forgive and guide us again.**

That in your forgiveness,

our hearts will warm

and our mouths will proclaim your love.

That in your guidance,

our minds will remember our freedom

and our hands will serve the stranger in thanksgiving.

In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, sin is a serious business, as it puts distance between us
and the boundless love we long to experience
and that God longs to give.

With every generation, our joy is as boundless as God's
when we remember this very good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free.

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.**

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

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 78:1-7

MUSIC *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* arr. John Carter
Sue Anderson, soprano; Laura Viau, alto; Wayne Tillman, tenor

SERMON "Follow Me, Oh, My People" 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

We Will Tell Each Generation

NETTLETON

***We will tell each generation all that you, our God, have done;
how you called and led your people, chose us out to be your own.
Tell the time of our rebelling – how we wandered from your way,
how your law our love compelling taught us humbly to obey.***

***Tell the grace that falls from heaven, angels' food as faith's reward;
tell how sins may be forgiven through the mercy of the Lord.***

We will tell each generation all that you, our God, have done.

As a shepherd you have led us; by your hand still lead your own.

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*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

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