

SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:6 (CEB)



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5th Sunday of Lent | April 3, 2022

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

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

❖ **Called by God We Gather** ❖

GATHERING MUSIC

(Gather and greet each other in joy.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Suzanne Simpson

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC

(When the chimes toll, let us silently open our spirit to God's presence in our midst.)

Kum ba Yah

arr. John A. Behnke

1. Someone's Praying, Lord
2. Someone's Crying, Lord
3. Someone's Singing, Lord

OPENING SENTENCES

Return to the Lord with all your heart,

for God is gracious and merciful

Draw near to God

and God will draw near to you.

Let us draw near and worship the God of love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

(vv. 1-3)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

... Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

(Silent confessions)

God of mercy, **you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, forgiven, and renewed!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.***

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927

❖ To Hear God's Word of Grace ❖

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:1, 5-6

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED IN HYMN, REFLECTIONS, & PRAYER

Reflections are from, *Breath of the Soul: Reflections on Prayer*
by Joan Chittister

Hymn #724, v. 1

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

...nor wonder from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide..

Reflection

Gail Thomas, reader

Prayer

Dear God, fill me with yourself so that I might be less full of myself.



Hymn v. 2

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin

Reflection

Ken Curry, reader

Prayer

Give me the grace to be quiet, to listen for your voice in my heart.



Hymn v. 3

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

Reflection

Lynn Auman, reader

Prayer

God, give me the insight to understand
that to live in the Spirit is to be part of all that is.



Hymn v. 4

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Reflection

Chad Hammer, reader

Prayer

God, give me the grace to accept the fact that the path I'm on
will, eventually, bring me home both to myself and to you.



ANTHEM

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Timothy Shaw

Gail Thomas, Lynn Auman, Ken Curry, & Chad Hammer, 8:30AM

SPC Chancel Choir, 11:00AM

(Please follow hymn #725 for the updated text that this anthem uses.)

❖ To Respond in Faith with Gratitude ❖

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . with all the faithful, we offer our praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy God, who reconciles us to yourself.

All creation is glad and rejoices. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who finds the lost and guides them home.

Hosanna in the highest.

. . . we would reflect on that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, to be our salvation;

Christ rose, to be our reconciliation;

Christ will return, to lead us home.

. . . in the unity of your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

hymnal p. 35

Words of Institution

Communion

These are Gifts from God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer

... for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord

Amen.

❖ To Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

*HYMN #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC



We are thankful for our SPC Chancel Choir Members:

Susan Alley, Sue Anderson, Lynn Auman, Ed Carter, Vicki Chadwick, Ken Curry, Betty Dattler, Molly Frederick, Alberta Gisel, Chad Hammer, Janie King, Susan Pearce, Laura Viau, Wayne Tillman, Gail Thomas; and when they can, Helen Odum, Carol Partridge & Bonnie Treadway



Rev. Laura Viau, Interim Pastor (church@atmc.net)
Randy Warner, Liturgy and Music Associate; **Kathy Sasso**, Church Secretary;
Linda Rowell, Church Treasurer; **Joyce Winkler**, Qualified Ruling Elder;
Hery Ramambasoa, Regional Liaison for Southeast Asia and the Pacific



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