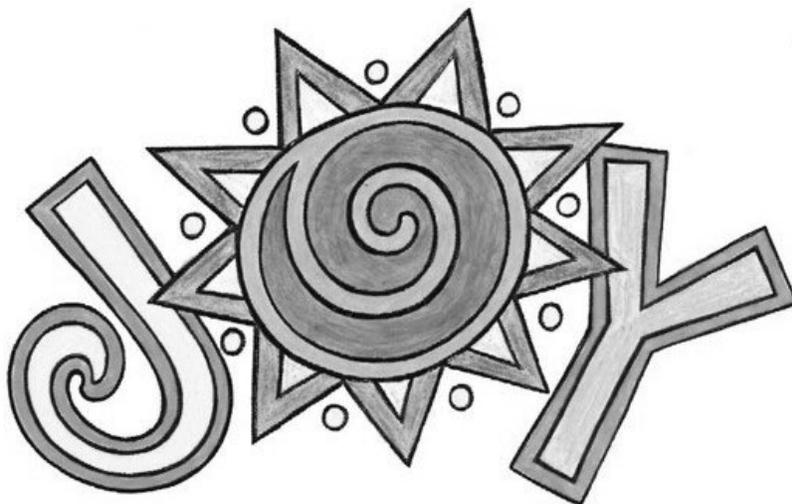


SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5th Sunday of Easter | May 15, 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

Joyce Winkler (8:30AM); Mike Claxton (11:00AM)

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.)*

Oh, Sing to the Lord

arr. Edwin T. Childs

OPENING SENTENCES

It's been five weeks and we can't stop ourselves from saying it again:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed,

turning our mourning into dancing,

appearing here and there, now and then, saying:

"Fear not," and we are comforted,

"Peace I give you," and we are less restless,

"Go and sin no more," and we glimpse a new innocence.

Called to worship our life-giving God,

we are thankful and grateful to answer:

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Let us worship God!

*HYMN #238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

. . . Let us pray. God of empty tombs and emptier people:

when we hesitate to speak of your hope,

forgive us, and give us a voice.

When we find it difficult to love one another,

forgive us, and give us fresh compassion.

When we want to stand with the high and mighty,

forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed.

When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts,

forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.

When we cannot believe your Word of new life,

forgive us, and fill us with your joy. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

... so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hymn #821 *My Life Flows On* HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
(Verses 1 & 4)

❖ **To Hear God's Word of Grace** ❖

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-9

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Grateful Heart

Mary McDonald

Sue Anderson (8:30AM)

Chancel Choir; Lynn Auman, violin (11:00AM)

As we gather in your house to worship, let us bring to you a heart of praise. For your love will never fail us; to your name our thanks we raise. For your love and tender mercy; for your goodness and your grace. May we ever praise you Father, when we seek your holy face. Lord we know your love is everlasting; from your favor we will never depart. This, our prayer we offer to you, Father: Bless us with a grateful heart.

This our prayer we offer to you Father: Bless us with a grateful heart. Amen

TEXT: Mary McDonald © 2003 Lorenz Publishing Company. CCLI: #1660168

SERMON

"Practice Joy"

Rev. Jerrod Lowry

RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Jacques Berthier

Sue Anderson

❖ **To Respond in Faith with Gratitude** ❖

*SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together stand and profess our faith using these words from Philippians 4:4-8:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

**Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

**And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—
if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—
think about such things.**

**In the name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn #654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*
(Seated; sung once, instrumental interlude, sung again)

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

God our Creator, we give thanks for all the blessings we share this day. For all of those who have gone before, people strong and brave, willing to put their lives on the line for the causes they believe in, we give you thanks.

Grant us, our God, the courage to step out in faith for that which is true and right.

For freedom of speech and of the press, for the avenues open to expressing ourselves, for chances to create change, we give you thanks.

We pray for those who are voiceless victims of unjust governments.

For fertile soil, abundant rain, and seasons of refreshment, we give you thanks.

We pray for those whose land is parched and whose wells are dry.

For our families, friends, and the church, who provide us with food and drink for our journey, we give you thanks.

We pray for those who are hungry and tired, hopeless and wandering, finding no place to rest.

For strong bodies and minds, for opportunities that encourage us to grow and become the bearers and sharers of your love that you call us to be, we give you thanks.

We pray for the sick, as well as for the ones who are unwilling to dream or change.

We give you thanks for your faithfulness. We give you thanks for your

presence –especially in our times of fear and deep pain.

May we draw near to you: savoring the joy in your glorious creation, rejoicing in your blessings to us, rejoicing in others' blessings, and trusting that there is new life ahead when creation is repaired, sins are forgiven, and justice is restored to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

hymnal p. 35

❖ To Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

*HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

FESTAL SONG



Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
With voice as full and strong as o - cean's sur - ging praise,
Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
send forth the sur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

TEXT: Edward Hayes Plummer, 1865 PD. MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894 PD

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE | CLOSING MUSIC



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



Scan to Give