

SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday of Easter | May 22, 2022

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.
All speak words in **boldface**.)*

❖ **Called by God We Gather** ❖

GATHERING MUSIC, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Gather and greet each other in joy.)

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.)

"Be Still"

arr. Jennifer Sunday Lewis

"Be still. Be still." Be still, my soul, and know that God is with you. Breathe peace from God that soothes and makes you whole. Be still and know that nothing is beyond His hand. He will provide, sustain your weary soul. It is well with my soul. When tears of loss

and loneliness ensnare you, know, as a child of God, you're not alone. When life brings storms of pain and deep despair, God's voice will calm rough waters: "Peace, be still," It is well with my soul. "Be still and know that I am God."

OPENING SENTENCES

(based on Psalm 146)

Joy comes to those who hope in God.

For the Lord is a Keeper of promises.

Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

The Lord will reign forever,

Our God will keep faith with all generations.

Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!

*HYMN #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

(vv. 1-4)

CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God,

in the excitement and busyness of our lives

we long for assurance that we are enough -

smart enough, efficient enough,

strong or brave enough.

We chase after the world's priorities

falling for the lie that there will never be enough,

that we will never have enough-

savings, influence, power or possessions.

Your life and words teach us that our hearts

are designed for compassion, not comparison;

that light gathered shines more brightly

than when it remains scattered;

**that what we give away says more about us
than what we amass.**

**Help us peel away the layers of identities
the world would place upon us
until we recognize again the one that matters most:
Beloved Child of God.**

**Send your Spirit to break us of the habits and patterns
that separate us from your other children**

**Turn our hearts back toward you –
our first, greatest, truest love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no greater sorrow
than to find oneself far from home, far from God.

There is no greater joy than to be in God's presence,
held by the Spirit and alive to this truth:

Nothing – not one thing in all of creation – can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus, who promises to bind us to one
another as well. Say it together with joy:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE:

A Grateful Heart

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir; Lynn Auman, violin

*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

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❖ Practicing Joy As a Body ❖

WORD READ

Selections from 1 Corinthians 12

WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. Laura Viau

WORD PRACTICED IN LIGHT AND PRAYER AND SONG

For a Church That Looks Beyond Itself

SBIC "YOU Done Good Award"

Bill Johnston, recipient; Mike Claxton, presenter

Hymn #733

We All Are One in Mission

(Seated, sing vv. 1 and 2)



For a Church that Celebrates Leaders Past and Present

Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership

Donna Trest, recipient; Gail Thomas, presenter

Hymn #805

Come Sing to God

ELLACOMBE

(Seated, sing vv. 1 and 4)



For a Church That Remembers its Promise To Be Present

SPC Scholarships 2022

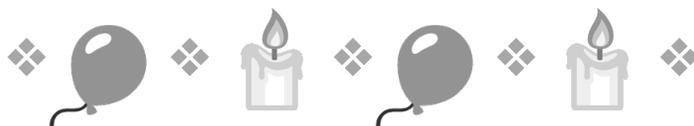
Powell Braddock, Blake Durham, Chandler Taylor, recipients
Erskine Blount, presenter

Graduating High School Seniors

William Agner & Christian Huffman, seniors
Kitty Green & Laura Thompson, presenters

Anthem *Promise of Joy* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir; Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

There is a flame in the shadows, there is a song in the night, there is a hope for tomorrow in even death there is life. We know that God is faithful. Our God is worthy of praise. We know his love is eternal. We are his children of grace. Joy comes in the morning. Glory comes with the dawn. Sunrise will find us singing. Tomorrow will bring song. Our night will surrender to gladness. Our fear will surrender to life. Joy comes in the morning, this is the promise of Christ. This is the promise of Christ. There is a rainbow in each teardrop, there is a peace in every storm, there is a stream in the dessert, yes, there is hope in the Lord. We know that love sill sustain us. We know in Christ we are found. We rest our faith in this promise, in every cross waits a crown. Joy comes in the morning. Glory comes with the dawn. Sunrise will find us singing. Tomorrow will bring song. Our night will surrender to gladness. Our fear will surrender to life. Joy comes in the morning, this is the promise of Christ. This is the promise of Christ, promise of Christ



For a Community Trusting in God's Promised Future

Hymn #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
(vv. 1 and 4)



PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

Lord's Prayer

hymnal p. 35

❖ Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

WE SING OUR PRAISE TO THE GOD OF ETERNITY

God of the Ages

John Parker/Lloyd Larson

(Please open your hymnal to hymn #687. The choir leads us into the hymn.)

Choir:

Forever you have been; forever you will be Omnipotent Jehovah, God of eternity! Mighty Sovereign Lord, we gather on this day to crown you with our praises, to bend our knee and say: God of the ages, you are the Lord of all! Before your throne we humbly fall. With praise sublime we worship you. With loudest songs we honor you. We worship you, Eternal God of time!

*Hymn #687, vv. 1-3 & 6

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

(Please stand, in body or spirit, to sing the hymn and remain standing.)

Choir:

God of the ages, you are the Lord of all! We worship you, our help, our hope, our God.

BENEDICTION

CHARGE



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



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