



First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

10 a.m.

May 10, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre (Lovely)

RHOSYMEDRE

J. D. Edwards

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Where love is, God abides: And God shall surely bless
A home where trust and care Give birth to happiness.
May we, O Lord, together prove The lasting joy of Christian love.
Fred Pratt Green

GREETINGS

INTROIT

Safe Within Your Arms

Mark Hayes

Whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong, whether I'm weak or whether I'm strong,
Whether I'm sure or maybe confused, feeling loved or feeling used: I know a place where I can go,
somewhere that winter winds don't blow. There I am warmed by loving arms, held with care next to Your heart.
And I'm safe within Your arms, Lord. I've become a child again. I've come back to the source of love,
where healing can begin. Though the world would say I must be strong and prove my worth by what I do,
I will rest assured in Your embrace and find my strength in You. Whether I'm walking in the light or whether
I'm stumbling through the night, You are a god whose promise endures; Though undeserved, Your love is sure.
When I am tempted to pursue plans that may lead me far away from You, gently You call, "My child, come home.
I will never let go of one of my own." And I'm safe within Your arms, Lord. I've become a child again.
I've come back to the source of love, where healing can begin. Though the world would say I must be strong and
prove my worth by what I do, I will rest assured in Your embrace and find my strength in You.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Straslund, 1665

setting by Hopson

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under his wings, yea,
so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do, If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him.
All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before him.
Let the amen Sound from his people again; Gladly forever adore him. Amen.

Joachim Neander

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Thank You for the vision of what being in Your presence will be like, where praise and honor and glory of You is the natural and overwhelming response. We confess that often our minds and hearts are consumed with anything but Your praise. Help us to grow such a sense of You and Your glory that our hearts swell with adoration! Thank You that You offer us both forgiveness and a deeper and richer relationship with You as we in Your holy name. Amen.

(Please continue in a moment of silence for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:20-22

Leader: Once (we) were alienated from God and were enemies in our minds because of our evil behavior.

All: But now he has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

Leader: This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX
Conrad Kocher

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given; for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Hogan

He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got all the power in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands. He's got the little baby in His hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got mother and father in His hands,
He's got the stars and moon right in His hands. He's got everybody in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SERMON

Dr. Darryl Evans

Sealed

Revelation 7:1-9

“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”
— Revelation 7:3

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE
Traditional Irish Melody

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art --
Thou my best through, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on Praise to the Lord the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN
Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Straslund, 1665
setting by Kerr

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Darryl Evans, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Chris Handley, Associate Pastor
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist
Dr. Fran Coleman, soprano
Betsy Johnson, flute
Lee Nunn and Lalla Saleeby, handbells



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and thanksgiving of her mother, Dorothy Pollock Stroud, and for the mothers of this congregation both living and deceased who bless us untiringly, by Mary Lynn Williamson. Happy Mother's Day.

Sanctuary: The Session wants you to know that our Sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation during the week. It is open Monday through Friday from 7 to 9 a.m., noon to 2 p.m., and 4 to 6 p.m. If you'd like to drop by and sit in the Lord's presence and pray, there's plenty of space for social distancing.

Takeout Tuesday: Mark your calendars and come join us for DRIVE THROUGH TAKE OUT TUESDAY! From 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, drive in at the covered driveway of the CLC to pick up your box of hot dogs, pickle and chips. (2 dogs/adults and one/child.) Just make a donation to the Harvest Hope Food Bank in payment. See you there!