



First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

10 a.m.

September 27, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Trumpet Air

George Phillip Telemann

(Please prepare your hearts for worship in reverent silence.)

GREETINGS

INTROIT

Zion's Walls

Revivalist Song

John G. McCurry
arr. Aaron Copeland

Come fathers and mothers come, Sisters and brothers come,
Join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion,
We'll shout and go round, We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN OF PRAISE

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED
Gustav T. Holst

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Michael Perry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE
Christoph Meineke

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, We thank You again that Your love for us does not depend on our devotion to You. We confess that often our hearts are more devoted to the priorities of this world and our own selfish passions than to our relationship to You. Forgive us for falling into patterns of life that draw us away from You. Forgive us for not letting Your love guide us into a life where we love others in Your name! We need Your cleansing work to purify our hearts and set us on the path of Life. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Revelation 14:1,4

Leader: Then I looked and behold on Mount Zion stood the Lamb and with him (those) who had his name and his Father's name on their forehead.

All: These have been redeemed ... as firstfruits for God and the Lamb.

Leader: When you put your faith in Jesus the Lamb of God you are forgiven. This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Bright and Beautiful

A Children's Suite

Traditional Hymns

arr. Mark Hayes

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
Love Him, love Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

Carey Bonner

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, 17th century English Melody
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

Cecil Alexander

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Oh, yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so. God loves us, one and all!

William Bradbury

Anna Warner

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MOMENT

Braelyn Brand
William Bratton
Bradford Brown
Graham Emerson
Masters Emerson
Thatcher Jordan
Emily Grace Kennedy

Hampton McMillian
Provence McMillian
Liam Scott
Samuel Jennings Stokes
Stirling Temple
Charlotte Tuttle

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

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 in Your embrace and find my strength in You, and find my strength in You.
J. Paul Williams

The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH
Genevan Psalter

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

SERMON

Dr. Darryl Evans

The Bowls of Wrath

Revelation 15

"I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues —
last, because with them God's wrath is completed."
— Revelation 15:1

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Marching to Zion

MARCHING TO ZION
Robert Lowry
arr. Hayes

Marching on up to the city of God. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful Zion; We're marching on upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets, Before we reach the heavenly fields or walk the golden streets.
Children, we must let our songs abound 'til every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.
We're marching to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
Isaac Watts

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Benediction

Jay Althouse

Be with us, Lord Jesus, until we meet again. We pray You will guide us; we know not where or when.
Lord, give us Your blessing and fill our hearts with peace. And may Your love grow stronger and never cease.

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello
arr. Mitchell-Wallace and Head

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Psalm 19:1

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Darryl Evans, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Chris Handley, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Debbie Jackson, Elder
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music
Dr. Fran Coleman, soprano
Kelly Jokisch, trumpet

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers for the service this morning are given by Barbara Maffett to the glory of God and in loving memory of her beloved husband, Jack, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N.S. Abu-Arab, and Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Maffett.

Onsite worship service: The Session recently voted that; "everyone will be required to wear a mask to enter the Worship Service. Masks may be removed while seated and practicing social distancing." For the protection of others, please be considerate and respectful of those around you as we gather for worship. Masks are available at the door for any who may need one. There is limited seating available in the sanctuary and, our ushers will assist you in finding a seat as you enter the sanctuary. The ushers will dismiss you row by row at the end of the worship service. Overflow seating is available in the CLC and is also a good option for families with young children. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

The flowers for Sunday, September 20, were placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Lowder, Jr. (Fuzz and Lib) from David, Ann, Bryan and Carrigan Spearman.

Just for Women Ministries: JFW Bible Study will meet from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays in the CLC starting September 29 and running through November 17. The eight-week study will be on Heaven. COVID-19 requirements include facemasks, social distancing, no lunch or drinks, and no lesson handouts. Please bring a friend with you to join us for an hour-long session presented by Kathy Griffin as we open God's Word. For more information, email JFWministry@gmail.com.

My Brother's Keeper would love to have more helping hands serve meals. The harvest is great and the laborers are few! Deliverers and servers are needed 2-4 times a month on Tuesdays. If you feel called to serve, please contact Janet Brand, janet81661@aol.com.

Engaging God's Word: A 10-week Bible study on 2 Samuel will be held on Sundays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. starting October 4. Men, women, and couples small groups are available. Stewart Billingsly will be the lecturer. Join us! Enter through the Welcome Center doors. Contact Janet Brand for more information, janet81661@aol.com.