



First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

10 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 1, 2021

PRELUDE

Meditation on REPTON

C.H.H. Parry
setting by Hobby

He comes in love as once He came by flesh and blood and birth;
To bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name, for every child of earth.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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

GREETINGS

INTROIT

O Hear the Joyful Singing

Giovanni Gastoldi

O hear the joyful singing, on this day we lift our voice.
Celebrate, we all rejoice, celebrate, celebrate, we all rejoice!
Rise up to hear the music, now we join in song, all unite.
Singing out in great delight, singing out, singing out in great delight.
Patrick Liebergen

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

No. 51
O STORE GUD
Stuart Hine

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art."

Refrain

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, Thank You that You have made us your own. We could not receive any greater gift than to receive the gift of faith. Grow in us a deep passion to know Your presence in our life! Help us to leave behind anything that distracts us from our life with You. Forgive us for our unwillingness to die to ourselves and for our failure to grow in faith with You. We need Your grace for living. We lift this prayer to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 3:1-2

Leader: Since then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

All: For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Leader: This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God!

✎ Following the Assurance of Pardon, children in 3K-5K are invited to go with a worship caregiver to attend Children's Church. If this is your child's first visit, we encourage you to walk with them. Parents, pick up your children at the Tower entrance at the end of the service.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Amazing Grace

Craig Courtney

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see. Amazing grace!
So vast and yet so free! The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. Amazing grace!
So vast and yet so free! The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than
when we'd first begun. Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free.

The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

John Newton

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Jeremy Williams

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Arise, My Soul, Arise

CHODAN
Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, Shake off thy guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: Before the Throne my Surety stands.
My name is written on His hands. Five bleeding wounds He bears,
received on Calvary, They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry, “nor let that ransomed sinner die.”
God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear; with confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry. “Father,” cry. Arise, my soul, arise!
Charles Wesley

SERMON

Dr. Darryl Evans

A Fruitful Vineyard

Luke 13:1-9

(Pew Bible page 1032-1033)

“Now there were some present at the time who told Jesus about the Galileans
whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.”
— Luke 13:1

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you. Amen.
Numbers vi, 24

***POSTLUDE**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

EBENEZER
Thomas Williams
setting by Hilderbrand

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus — 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!
Samuel Trevor Francis

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Darryl Evans, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Chris Handley, Associate Pastor
Mr. Jeremy Williams, Elder
Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music
Dr. Fran Coleman, soprano
Laura Anne Hofler, alto
Fred Kunz, tenor
Dr. Curt Boswell, bass
Jennifer Foxworth, violin

**Congregation is invited to stand if able.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back! As we increasingly return to in-person worship, we encourage wearing name tags. It can make it easier to recognize each other as we wear masks.

Following CDC guidelines we are allowing those *fully vaccinated* Covenant Partners to remove their masks while on church campus. We continue to encourage "safe seating." In accordance with Florence School District 1, parents can decide whether their children wear masks. Thank you all for your patience this past year.

We are delighted we are getting back closer to normal. Blessings, the Session.

COVID-19 precautions and guidelines: There are a few rules and procedures applied campus-wide at all times:

- All rooms now have a maximum occupancy number displayed next to the door.
- Please note, masks or face coverings are required at all times while on campus, this includes during worship services unless you are fully vaccinated.
- Rooms will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Do not come on campus if you are sick or if you are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Welcome guests! We would like to be in touch with you so please either text Darryl Evans (704-773-1901) or Chris Handley (843-229-0966), or sign in the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew. Glad you're with us today!

Lord, Hear Our Prayer: Members in need of prayer include Aubrey Crawford, Kit Ellington, Richard Nash, Jessie Moss, and Fred Swearingen.

Children and Families Mark Your Calendars for Rally Day: Sunday School Rally Day will be held at 10 a.m. August 8 in the Christian Life Center. All children, families, and teachers are invited to a special breakfast and fun activities to kick-off our Sunday School Year! More details to come.

Presentation of Bibles: All rising first-graders will be presented with their Bibles at both services on August 8.

School Supplies Drive: Donations are being accepted for those in need of school supplies in Florence School District 1 and Cross Cultural Workforce Impact. Supplies in need include: book bags, notebooks, pencils, crayons, markers, erasers, folders, rulers, loose-leaf paper, binders, pens, etc. Drop off donations in the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Jayne Boswell at 843-229-7790.

Save the Date, Ladies: Women in Ministry will kickoff its season with a Salad Supper at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 30, in the CLC. Bring a salad to share. RSVP for childcare to Teresa Stewart, tstewart@florencefirst.org.

Youth Ministry: Leadership is looking for men to lead small groups, grades 7 through 12. Small Groups begin Sunday, September 12, 5:30-7 p.m. Contact Taiter Garrett, tgarrett@florencefirst.org, if you can help the youth.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
5:00 PM Youth (Dinner provided)

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

5:30 PM Stretch Your Faith
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Welcome Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast: Bazen's Restaurant
10:30 AM WiM Bible Moderators: Lawson-Rain
5:45 PM WiM CT Meeting: JFH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: Room 202
10:30 AM Prayer Group: LR
1:00 PM Bible Study: Zoom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 AM Children's Sunday School Rally: CLC
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
5:00 PM Youth (Dinner provided)
5:30 PM Embracing God's Word Leadership Coffee: JFH