

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

Rowland H. Prichard, 1830
arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Matthew S. Brown

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

INTROIT *O Come, Let Us Worship* Anonymous

* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Whitney Bayer

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: This is a day of new beginnings!

Many: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

One: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship.

All: Let us be prepared for service to God. Amen.

* HYMN ***Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* No. 477**

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Bayer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. (silence)

Leader: Trusting your mercy, we lift these prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE ***Gloria Patri* No. 567**

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

American melody/Mark Shepperd

"... when shall I come to thee?

When shall my sorrows have an end?

Thy joys when shall I see?

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks continually are green;

there grow such sweet and pleasant flowers

as nowhere else are seen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

*There trees forevermore bear fruit and do spring;
there evermore the angels dwell and sing.
O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare for that bright home of love
that I may see Thee and adore with Thy saints above."*
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Rev. Jessica Tidwell-Weinzierl

As the children four years old through third grade gather and recess to the Chapel for Children's Worship, the congregation is invited to join in singing:

What does the Lord require of you?

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***To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.***

Congregation: The peace of Christ be with you.

Children: And also with you.

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

***To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.***

The children will return to join their families at the Doxology.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. Rodney Sadler

SCRIPTURE READING

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Sadler

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN ***Lord, You Give the Great Commission* No. 429
verses 1,2,&4**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Dr. Brown

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Dr. Brown

... "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever." Amen.

OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus

17th C. German/
Cindy Berry

Audrey McConnell, piano

* DOXOLOGY

No. 592

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 (unison)

Rev. Tidwell-Weinzierl

Loving God, we thank you through the gifts we bring to you. Your faithful love holds us and strengthens us, and we in turn are called to share your love with the world. Bless these gifts to your purposes. Send them out in your grace and power, that the world may know you are the beloved Creator of all, and that we all are a part of your family. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD

* HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

No. 369

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Sadler

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. Amen.***

POSTLUDE

Lord Jesus, Man and God

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Worship Service Notes

Leading Worship this Morning

Dr. Matthew S. Brown, Pastor
Dr. Rodney Sadler
Rev. Whitney Bayer, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care
Rev. Jessica Tidwell-Weinzierl, Director of Youth Ministry
Audrey McConnell, Director of Music

We welcome guest pastor Dr. Rodney S. Sadler, Jr. back to SMPC today! Dr. Sadler is on the faculty of Union Presbyterian Seminary; a frequent lecturer on the topics of Race in the Bible, African American Biblical Interpretation, Biblical Archaeology, and the Dead Sea Scrolls; and he has served the Charlotte community on the boards of agencies including Loaves and Fishes, Siegel Avenue Partners and Mecklenburg Ministries. Dr. Sadler led a powerful Adult Sunday School series at SMPC several years ago on the Image of Jesus. He is a widely published author and editor and shares his passion for racial justice in America through a weekly radio program called, "Politics of Faith." Dr. Sadler works closely with the Forward Together/Moral Monday Movement organizing clergy and developing theological resources. He received a B.A. degree from Howard University where he also earned his Master of Divinity. Dr. Sadler holds a Ph.D. from Duke University.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in recognition of Lillian McAnally's 11th birthday by her parents Sheila and Brent McAnally.

Please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed. To update contact information in our database, contact SMPCCoffice@SMPChome.org.

Text to Give. As an alternative to the traditional offering plate, you may support SMPC using your mobile device by texting SMPC to **73256** or give online at www.SMPChome.org/Giving.

Note to Parents. We offer childcare for infants through kindergarten in their Sunday school classrooms each Sunday during the 10:10 a.m. Worship Service. Additional information or questions contact: Rebecca Guzman, Director of Spiritual Formation, Rebecca@smpchome.org; 704-544-0404, ext. 117

Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church?

The Session of South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church will welcome new members June 24 at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel. If you have interest in membership, speak to one of the pastors or with Nancy Metzler, Director of Hospitality & Connection, Nancy@smpchome.org, 704-544-0404, ext. 103, following today's service.

Worship Teams

Elders/Deacons: Dick Engle, Curtis Ireland
Ushers: David Gilleland, Head Usher; Gena & Dan DeChant, Jeff Goetz, Frank Graham, Curtis Guy
A/V: Kari Case

Hospitality Teams:

Coffee Grounds Hosts: Julie & Greg Hobby, Ron Morgan
Greeters: Cindy & Keith Bernhardt, Russ Hanson
Connection Center Host: Donna Podgorny

Congregational Notes (as of June 6, 2018)

Remember in Prayer

- Our partners in ministry in Bayonnais, Haiti
To join the prayer chain or send a prayer request:
pray@SMPChome.org

Deacons

Moderator: Jeana Lee
Recording Secretary: Tricia Gosnell

Class of 2019: Kay Dano, Dick Engle, Joyce Highsmith, Jeana Lee, Jim Loftus, Lori Schellin

Class of 2020: Brad Alford, Kathy Gahagen, Tricia Gosnell, Brenton Hartman, Curtis Ireland, Carol Palmgren

Elders

Clerk of Session: Frank Graham
Recording Clerk: Gary Rawls

Class of 2018: Frank Graham, Janet Morgan, Amy Zagora, Michael Zagora

Class of 2019: Maria Davis, Kim Dracon, Jerry Hawver, Gary Rawls

Class of 2020: Mary Elledge, Guy Gosnell, Greg Hobby, Melissa White

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South Mecklenburg PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 10, 2018

10:10 a.m., Sanctuary

Our Mission . . . to seek God's will for our lives,
joyfully responding to the Good News of Jesus Christ
with Love and Grace.