

PRELUDE *In Praise of the Trinity* Tom Birchwood
(alias of Lani Smith (1934-2015))

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Matthew S. Brown
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

INTROIT *The Lord Is In His Holy Temple* Anonymous

* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jessica Tidwell-Weinzierl

One: Gentle and patient

Many: God, you call us

One: When we grieve and when we praise

Many: God, you call us

One: Whether we feel ready or not

Many: God, you call us

One: We come before you, bringing our whole selves and our whole lives.

All: We are here to worship our God who calls us.

* HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* No. 138

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Tidwell-Weinzierl

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, you call us, but we do not always recognize your voice. Sometimes, we don't listen carefully. Other times, we're caught off guard. God, you call us, but we haven't always taught others to hear you. Sometimes, we try to stand in the way, letting our voices ring out over yours. God, you call us, but we don't always believe our ears. We think we know better. We think you can't possibly be calling us, or her, or him. Forgive us, God, for not practicing listening. Help us to keep our ears open. Help us to hear your voice, in the chaos or in the quiet. (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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baylor Lee Brown

Son of Krista Kay Brown and Coty Carlton Brown

Presented for baptism by his great-grandmother Kay Dano

Representing the Session: Mary Katheryne Zagora

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM *O Lord, I Love the Habitation of Your House*
Mark Bende

*"... and the place where your glory dwells.
Forever, O Lord, your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."*

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Rev. 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?

What does the Lord require of you?

***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. Brown

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT
1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-21a) Pew Bible p. 247

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT
Romans 12:1-2 Pew Bible pp. 161-162

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Commencement** Dr. Brown

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* No. 339

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **A Brief Statement of Faith, lines 58-76**
Rev. Whitney Bayer

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear

the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

. . . "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 *My Forever Friend*
Charlie Landsborough
Patti Kelly, vocals/guitar

* 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) Dr. Brown

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.
— a prayer by Thom Shuman

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD

* HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* No. 562

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Brown

* 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 *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*
Andreas Armsdorf (1670-1699)

The Worship Service Notes

Leading Worship this Morning

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

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Sarah and Tom Massey and in loving memory of Tom's sister Elizabeth Massey Kramer. A donation has been made to the Sanctuary Fund in her memory.

Please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed

To update contact information in our database, contact SMPChome.org.

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

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.

Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church?

The Session of South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church will welcome new members June 3 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: Don Ayers
Ushers: Bob Tyler, Sr., Head Usher: Bob Cushman,
Larry Sellers, Alice Tyler, Ray & Bob Tyler, Jr.
A/V: Bruce Kroeschell

Hospitality Teams:

Coffee Grounds Hosts: Ellen & Robert Clark
Greeters: Heather & Darin Bolick, Mary & Dean Elledge
Connection Center Host: Carol Bower

Congregational Notes (as of May 24, 2018)

Remember in Prayer

- Tina Gardner Chadd and Alan Chadd as Tina's mother Inez Smith entered the Church Triumphant May 20, 2018
- Our partners in ministry in Bayonnais, Haiti

To join the prayer chain or send a prayer request:
pray@SMPChome.org

Deacons

Moderator: Jennifer Basquin

Class of 2018: Jennifer Basquin, Mrna Dibble, Jeni Jacobus,
Pam Mobley, Tom Strohl, Linda Thompson

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

Elders

Clerk of Session: Frank Graham

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

Trinity Sunday
May 27, 2018

10:10 a.m., Sanctuary

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