



## Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

*"...that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."*

*- 1 Peter 4:11*

**Preparing our hearts for worship...**

**"Yes, knowing that Jehovah sits high, and is aware of all things, and  
in fact, in control of all things, rules and reigns over all, that is my  
balm of Gilead."**

*~ R.C. Sproul*

**"Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again"**  
*~ There is a Balm in Gilead*

**August 16, 2020**

# Sunday Morning Worship

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## Preparing our Hearts for Worship

*Show Us Christ*

Prepare our hearts, O God, help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us—cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear, lead us in Your truth

(Chorus)

Show us Christ, show us Christ, O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul—come speak to us today (Chorus x 2)

## Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

**Call to Worship**<sup>1</sup>      *Isaiah 47:4, Psalm 29:2*

**Our Redeemer—the Lord of hosts is his name—  
He is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
and worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

## The Invocation<sup>2</sup>

**\* Opening Song**<sup>3</sup>      *Lord, I Need You*

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart—You're the One that guides my heart

(Chorus)

Lord I need You, oh I need You, ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness—Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more, where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord I am free—Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord, I am free—Holiness is Christ in me

(Bridge)

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You—Jesus You're my hope and stay  
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(Chorus) (Tag): My one defense, my righteousness—Oh God, how I need You

*\* If you are able please stand*

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**\*Confession of Sin <sup>4</sup>**

Donn DeHart

O Holy and Living Savior, whose Holy Spirit dwells within our hearts, may You give to us a deeper desire and longing for Your presence, Your love and Your Word. We come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done or for the good we have left undone. Because You, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us through Your Word, and let Your Word abide in us until it has wrought in us Your holy will.

**A Time of Silent Confession**

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen

**Scriptural Assurance of Pardon <sup>5</sup>**

*Psalm 103:8, 10-12*

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

**\* Gloria Patri <sup>6</sup>**

Henry Greatorrex

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.

**\* Prayer of Dedication for Tithes and Offerings**

Butch Bigham

**\* Worship through Giving <sup>7</sup>**

**Offertory**

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

(Chorus)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again (Chorus)

Don't ever feel discouraged for Jesus is your friend,  
And if you lack for knowledge, He ne'er refuses to lend (Chorus)

If you can't pray like Peter, if you can't preach like Paul  
Go home and tell your loved ones, "He died to save us all." (Chorus)

**\* Doxology <sup>8</sup>**

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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.

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The Lord's Prayer<sup>9</sup>

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.

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Old Testament Scripture      *Jeremiah 8:21-22*      Robert Cara

The Word Proclaimed<sup>10</sup>      *"Balm in Gilead"*      Robert Cara

Closing Song      *"The Lord is My Salvation"*

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea  
 and I am safe on this solid ground—the Lord is my salvation  
 I will not fear when darkness falls His strength will help me scale these walls  
 I will see the dawn of the rising sun—the Lord is my salvation.

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(Chorus)  
 Who is like the Lord our God?  
 Strong to save, faithful in love  
 My debt is paid and the vict'ry won  
 The Lord is my salvation  
 My hope is hidden in the Lord—He flows each promise of His Word  
 When winter fades I know spring will come—the Lord is my salvation.  
 In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak  
 I know His grace will renew these days—the Lord is my salvation. (Chorus)

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave  
 But I will rise, He will call me home—the Lord is my salvation. (Chorus)

(Bridge)  
 Glory be to God the Father  
 Glory be to God the Son  
 Glory be to God the Spirit  
 The Lord is our salvation (repeat, then chorus)

Benediction<sup>11</sup>

If you would like to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior,  
 we invite you to speak to one of our elders after the worship service.  
 We would be happy to pray with you.



## Service Guide

**1. Call to Worship** - We need to be called to come and worship God because our natural tendency is to worship everything except God. Our default is to worship the gift instead of the Giver. Therefore, God calls us to worship Him. God also calls us to worship Him because we struggle to believe that God truly wants us to draw near to him. The Call to Worship is God calling us to worship Him fully, truly and intimately. It focuses our attention on God and prepares us to meet with Him.

**2. The Invocation** - The invocation is a form of prayer where we ask God to be present with us in the service and to bless His worship.

**3. Hymns and Songs** - God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God and our praise of Him, but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive story. The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today. God's people lift their voice in song to praise God's name.

**4. Confession of Sin** - As Christians we are the first people to admit that we have sinned, that we aren't perfect, and that we need Jesus as our Savior. Without acknowledging our sinfulness and asking Christ to forgive us we have no hope of salvation. As we confess our sin together, hopefully we come to an ever-growing realization of the extent and heinousness of our sin and the greatness of our Savior to provide salvation at the great cost of His own suffering and death.

**5. Assurance of Pardon** - God proclaims through His revealed Word that people who have faith in the risen Christ as their Savior and Lord, who have humbled themselves in repentance before God, are no longer under condemnation. Christ has forgiven them. Christ proclaimed "It is finished," and God removes our sin from us as far as the East is from the West.

**6. Gloria Patri** - This doxology is an expression of praise sung to God. It not only praises God, but affirms what the Bible teaches us about our Trinitarian God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. One God in three persons; the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

**7. Worship through Giving** - "Give unto the LORD the glory due His name: Bring an offering, and come into His courts" Psalm 96:7-8. Giving is commanded by our God and is done from a cheerful heart, in response and thanksgiving for all He has given us.

**8. Doxology** - In singing this we admit through song that we are dependent on God for all things. We praise God through song for the many blessings that He has graciously given us even when we did not deserve them.

**9. The Lord's Prayer** - "One of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...' And He said to them, 'When you pray, say:'" Luke 11:1-2. Jesus taught the disciples how to pray using a model prayer. We use the Lord's Prayer to remind us of God's will and to guide us as we pray to our heavenly Father.

**10. The Word Proclaimed** - Some view the sermon as a way to get principles for "right" living. Others see it as an interesting piece of intellectual challenge or an opportunity to gain inspiration for our lives. In reality, as we open the Scriptures we encounter Jesus Christ. Therefore, as you listen, pray that you will be open to His leading, exhortation, encouragement, and healing.

**11. Benediction** - God always gets the last word in our encounter with Him through worship. For Christians, it is always a word of blessing and a sending out to live our lives in the light of the reality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is not a prayer. It is God's word of blessing upon your life.

*Mint Hill Presbyterian Church exists to Glorify God  
by seeking the lost, making disciples, and  
worshiping the Savior.*

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**Officers of the Month: August**

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**Nursery and Children's Ministry today:**  
(See below in announcements)

**Announcements**

**Welcome to Mint Hill Presbyterian!** As our guest, if you have any needs or questions, please feel free to ask, and we will be happy to help. We also invite you to fill out a guest card in the lobby and give it to one of the greeters at the back or drop it in the offering plate.

**Today we welcome Dr. Robert J. Cara** who will bring us the Proclamation of the Word. Dr. Cara is the Provost and Chief Academic Officer for all of the campuses of Reformed Theological Seminary, and the Hugh and Sallie Reaves Professor of New Testament primarily teaching at the RTS Charlotte campus. He is an ordained ARP minister. Dr. Cara's wife and son, Jill and Calvin, are members at Ballantyne ARP in Charlotte. His daughter, Crystal Mitchell, is married to an ARP minister and lives in Summersville, SC.

**Nursery and Children's Church are not currently available for families with young children due to our distancing rules.** If you have an infant that needs a nursery, there are nursery rooms located on the right and left sides of the sanctuary and parents are free to use them and remain with their children during the service. (The room as you look left when you come in the sanctuary is a nursing room.)

**Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School is taught by Steve Smith, and meets at 9:00** in the Sunday School Classroom located in the church manse. Please come join us! All are welcome! The room has been set up so that social distancing can still be observed. **The class is continuing the study of the *Gospel of Mark*.**

**The WOC Bible Study has resumed on Tuesday mornings at 10:15.** We are continuing our study on *The Revelation*. We also follow the rules of social distancing. Please come and join us! We would love to have you!

**Preaching Schedule:**

**August 23:**

**August 30: Rod Culbertson**