



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

**"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him
and said to him, 'I will; be clean.'"**

~ Mark 1:41

**"Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."**

~ Psalm 51:7

May 16, 2021

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Nearer My God, to Thee

BETHANY

arr. Dan Forrest

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

Call to Worship ¹

Psalm 51:10-12

**“Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.”**

The Invocation ²

Butch Bigham

(Congregation stands)

*Opening Hymn of Praise ³

God Himself is With Us

God himself is with us: let us now adore Him, and with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple, all within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence.
Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior; praise His name forever.

God himself is with us: hear the harps resounding! See the crowds the throne surrounding!
“Holy, holy, holy”—hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow Thine ear to us here: hear, O Christ, the praises that Thy church now raises.

O Thou fount of blessing, purify my spirit: trusting only in Thy merit,
like the holy angels who behold Thy glory, may I ceaselessly adore Thee.
and in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly what Thou lovest dearly.

* Confession of Sin ⁴

Donn DeHart

Father, no one can forgive sins except You alone. No one can determine what is a sin except You alone. We confess that, according to Your law, we have all fallen short in many ways. We have sinned against You in this last week, and we seek Your cleansing and forgiveness now. Particularly, we have not loved You as we ought. We have neglected to glorify You in thought, word, and deed, and we have sought our own interests without reference to You. For these sins, we ask Your pardon. Grant us never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace. You love righteousness and hate wickedness. And yet, through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, to You belongs great mercy. We come to You now, Father, seeking Your free pardon in Christ.

Silent Prayer of Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon ⁵

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

* *If you are able please stand*

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(Congregation may be seated)

Gloria Patri ⁶

Henry Greatorex

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 ⁷

Offertory

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

arr. Larry Shackley

(Congregation stands)

*** Doxology ⁸**

Old Hundredth, No. 731

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.

(Congregation may be seated)

Pastoral Prayer

Steve Smith

The Lord's Prayer ⁹

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.

New Testament Scripture

Matthew 8:1-3

Rev. Jeff Morrison

The Word Proclaimed ¹⁰

"The Untouchables"

Rev. Jeff Morrison

(Congregation stands for Hymn of Response)

***Hymn of Response**

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;

For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus. (chorus)

* *If you are able please stand*

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This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. (chorus)

*** Benediction ¹¹**

**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
worshipping the Savior.*

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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 Rev. Jeff Morrison who will bring us the Proclamation of the Word. Jeff has been married to Cathy for over 30 years and they have three children, Abigail, Andrew and Ian. He has served churches in the PCUSA, the EPC, the PCA and the ARP in various capacities over the last 20 years and holds an MDiv from Reformed Theological Seminary and a DMin from Gordon Connell Theological Seminary. We are so happy to have you with us Jeff!

We also welcome Debby Lutz today who will accompany us for our worship service. We are always happy to have her here with us, and to be blessed by the gift God has given her through music.

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 a.m. in the Sunday School Classroom located in the church manse. All are welcome! The room has been set up so that social distancing can still be observed. *The class is deep into the book of 2 Peter.* Please join us for this rich study! **As announced last Sunday, after the study on 2 Peter is finished, we will break for the summer and resume Sunday School the Sunday after Labor Day.**

The WOC Bible Study meets at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesdays. We have one more session of our study *The Holiness of God*, by R. C. Sproul. Please come and join us! We would love to have you! **On Tuesday, May 25, we will meet at the home of Jeanette Fondren** (directions TBA), **at 10:15 a.m.** for a time of fellowship before we break for the summer. We appreciate Jeanette's hospitality in opening her home to us and are excited to have this time together!

Preaching Schedule:

May 23: Rod Culbertson
May 30: John Robert Biggs