



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"True faith rests upon the character of God and asks no further proof than the moral perfections of the One who cannot lie."

~ A. W. Tozer

"Even when we cannot see the why and wherefore of God's dealings, we know that there is love in and behind them, and so we can rejoice always."

~ J. I. Packer

June 13, 2021

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God the Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

(Chorus)

To the praise of Your glory—to the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us the myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill (chorus)

Come praise and glorify our God for we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal the Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise—to God, the Three in One (chorus x 2)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

Call to Worship ¹

Psalm 93:1-2

**The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.**

The Invocation ²

(Congregation stands)

*Opening Song of Praise ³ *Sovereign Over Us*

There is strength within the sorrow, there's beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning with a love that cast out fear
You are working in our waiting, You're sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding, You're teaching us to trust

(Chorus)

Your plans are still to prosper—You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
You're faithful forever, perfect in love—You are sovereign over us

You are wisdom unimagined, who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace
You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me, and Your promises are my delight (chorus)

(Bridge)

Even what the enemy means for evil You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good and for Your glory
Even in the valley, You are faithful, You're working for our good
You're working for our good and for Your glory (repeat, then chorus)

* *If you are able please stand*

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*** Confession of Sin ⁴**

Donn DeHart

In the days that have been, O God, we have walked along crooked paths strewn with our selfishness and greed, our prejudice, and our apathy. We confess that we have hidden from the light, from the light which exposes everything, the love and the hate, the good deeds and the harmful ones. On this day we admit to you our failings, where we have wandered, when we have not listened. We confess to you our sin. In the days to come, remind us of your love and grace. Show us your power to transform hearts and minds. Sate us with peace in our souls that we will take peace into this war-weary world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon ⁵

Colossians 1:13-14

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

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

(Congregation may be seated)

Offertory

Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven, who else could make every king bow down.
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles—only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises, what other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice—only a Holy God

(Chorus)

Come and behold Him—the One and the Only

Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God—come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire, what other power can raise the dead
What other Name remains undefeated—only a Holy God (chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing, who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father—only a Holy God—only my Holy God!
(chorus x 2)

(Congregation stands)

*** Doxology ⁸**

Old Hundredth

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.

* *If you are able please stand*

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(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.

Old Testament Scripture *Nehemiah 9:1-37* Rod Culbertson

The Word Proclaimed ¹⁰ *"Taking Time to Reflect on God"* Rod Culbertson

(Congregation stands for Song of Response)

*Song of Response *Amen (Because He Lives)*

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood

(Chorus)

Amen, amen—I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen—let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives!

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name—He rolled the stone away (chorus)

Bridge:

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives every fear is gone
I know He holds my life my future in His hands (chorus x 2)

Tag: Because He lives—because He lives!

* 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
worshiping 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.

This morning we welcome Rod Culbertson back with us as he brings us the Proclamation of the Word. Rod is presently Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Dean of Student Development at the Charlotte, North Carolina campus of Reformed Theological Seminary. He married his wife, Cathy, in 1979 and they have four grown children and three grandchildren. Rod has earned a Doctor of Ministry degree at RTS and teaches courses in Leadership and Discipleship, Christian Devotion, Evangelism, and Campus Ministry, among others.

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, taught by Steve Smith, is now on break for the summer months. The class will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day, September 12.

The WOC Bible Study is now on break for the summer months. We will resume in September.

Preaching Schedule:

June 20: Rod Culbertson

June 27: TBA