

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 28, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Our silence and reverence will enable others to prepare their hearts and minds for worship. Please take a few moments to sit quietly before God as you come into the sanctuary.*

*Worship bags are available for all children. The bags, containing activity pages and necessary supplies, hang along the back wall of the sanctuary. We encourage all children to use one each week!*

## Meditation

We learn to praise God not by paying compliments, but by paying attention. Watch how the trees exult when the wind is in them. Mark the utter stillness of the great blue heron in the swamp. Listen to the sound of the rain. Learn how to say "Hallelujah" from the ones who say it right.  
— Frederick Buechner

Welcome Dan McClintock

## Chiming of the Hour

Music for Preparation  
*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

\*Processional Hymn  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

**When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
in all our work and prayer we ask his loving care:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let mortals too upraise their voices in hymns of praise:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Then let us join to sing to Christ, our loving King:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

\*Litany of Worship (*responsively*) Brandon Williams  
Glorify the LORD with me;  
**let us exalt God's name together.**  
Praise God's name,  
**sing joyfully of God's redeeming love.**  
Worship the creator of the universe, and the Lover of your soul.  
**The invitation is open to all, come taste and see that the LORD is good.**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
**Our Father, which 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Call to Confession Joey Haynes

## Discipline of Silence

Prayer of Confession  
**Holy God, Creator of all that is and Giver of Life,  
You know us well, better than we know ourselves.  
You hear us cry "Gloria!" and "Praise!"  
And you watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds.  
You hear us say "Thy will be done" and "Use me, O God"  
And you watch us do nothing in response to cries for help.  
You know us, and you love us, and you forgive us.  
Hear us now say, "Help us to change; turn us around,  
Make us more loving and courageous and hopeful."  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**  
— Beth Merrill Neel, adapted

## Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!* HYMN TO JOY  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.**

Children's Time Chelsy Mitchell

Scripture Lesson Psalm 150 Dan McClintock  
*Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his mighty firmament!  
Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God according to his surpassing greatness!  
Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!  
Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!  
Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

Leader: You have heard the ancient STORY.

People: **Let us listen now for the word of the Lord.†**

Sermon *In Search of Praise* Dan McClintock

Prayer of Intercession Joey Haynes

Mission Offering  
Our April Offering will go to the *Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America ~ Bautistas por la Paz* which is the largest network of Baptist peacemakers in the world, bringing peacemakers together in regional and international gatherings to work toward the common goal of a more just and peaceful world. Our own LeDayne McLeese Polaski is the Executive Director, but will be transitioning out of that role next month. Thank you, LeDayne! *Well done, good and faithful servant.*

Please designate **all checks and envelopes** as either "Annual Ministry Plan" (AMP) or "mission." In keeping with our initiative to "create a culture of generosity," **all loose cash** in the offering will be given to our mission for this month. If you write a check or put cash in an envelope, however, **please designate this gift.**

Text-to-Give: 704.800.3901 and follow the prompts.

Offertory Anthem *Psalm 150* John Harper (b. 1947)

Alleluya, Alleluya. Praise God in the holy place,  
praise God in the mighty heav'ns,  
Praise God for all powerful deeds, praise God's surpassing greatness.  
Alleluya, Alleluya. O praise God with sound of trumpet,  
praise God with lute and harp,  
Praise God with timbrel and dance, praise God with strings and pipe.  
Alleluya, Alleluya. O praise God with resounding cymbals,  
Praise God with clashing of cymbals, let ev'rything that lives and that breathes  
give praise to the Lord. Alleluya, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
— Psalm 150, alt.

\*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication Chelsy Mitchell

\*Call to Discipleship  
We offer all who worship this day an opportunity to commit to the challenge of Jesus: "*Come, follow me.*" This commitment may be made as a profession of faith, or as a commitment through membership in this church to join us in seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. You are invited to come forward to be welcomed as we sing.

\*Hymn of Commitment

*When In Our Music God is Glorified*

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**When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

-Fred Pratt Green (1972)

Meditation of Commitment

May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

— Saint Terese of Liseaux

Benediction

Dan McClintock

Choral Response

*Alleluia*

Steve Darsey (b. 20th c.)

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

†The challenge an ancient text presents to modern readers is to allow the truth that originally animated the text to become a “living Word” for us. Only as we interact with a given text in a continual “now” (“now” in the anthem, “now” in the sermon, “now” in the fellowship that follows worship, “now” in the work and service, the joys and sorrows of busy lives) can that Word truly become “*living and active*” (Hebrews 4.12).

Thank you, to Chelsy Mitchell for assisting in the worship service today. Chelsy Mitchell is an ordained minister and works as a Board Certified Chaplain at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center. Chelsy is married to Cameron Mitchell and is mom to Annabelle and Aiden. Some of Chelsy’s favorite things include bargain shopping, Mexican food, and making art.

**Deacon of the Week**

Brandon Williams has been the proud husband of Samantha since 2007. He works as a library assistant for a law firm in Uptown Charlotte. Brandon is an avid songwriter with a degree in music and is currently working towards a Masters in Clinical Psychology. He and his wife are also foster parents and in September of last year they welcomed a sweet little five-year-old girl into their home. Brandon also is serving his first year as a deacon and we appreciate Brandon’s worship leadership today.

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CDs of past worship services are available through the church office.

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