



Clemmons Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service

April 21, 2024

A warm welcome is extended to all.

WELCOME

Leigh Wisner

THE LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION and THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Rock of Ages

Seidel

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kaylee Hilston

One: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

All: If we love one another, God abides in us.

One: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent Jesus Christ into the world.

All: If we love one another, God abides in us.

One: In this love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent Jesus to be the redemption for our sins.

All: If we love one another, God abides in us.

One: Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

All: If we love one another, God abides in us and God's love is perfected in us.

*HYMN #624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (vv.1,4&5) Genevan Psalter

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Tom King

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gentle Shepherd, we confess we have gone astray. We have followed the hired hands. We have listened to the silver tongues that have promised us wealth and power. We have ignored the needs of our fellow sheep and certainly the sheep that know Your voice in far-off places. Call us back from the paths that lead to ruin. Call us back to Your green pastures and still waters. Journey with us in the valley of the shadow of death, steering us away from the dead-ends of this world's many paths, and instead into the way that leads to life in You. In the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

*TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Since God has opened his heart to us in Jesus Christ, in Jesus Christ let us open our hearts to each other.
May the peace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Please greet other worshippers with the peace of God,
introduce yourself and offer personal greetings.*

*HYMN #581

Glory Be to the Father

Henry Greatorex

to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

Susan Preston

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

ANTHEM

How Great the Love of the Father

Parker & Lantz III

*How great the love of the Father,
That we are called "child of God."
In Christ we are sister and brother.
How great the love of God.*

*How great the peace of Jesus,
That He enfolds us in His arms.
In fields of green He gently leads us.
How great the peace of Christ.*

*Holy Jehovah, we humbly bow
To praise Your mighty Name for Your great love.*

*How great the joy of the Spirit
That dwells within our hearts each day,
Who speaks our prayer so God can hear it.
How great the peace, how great the love of God!*

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kaylee Hilston

Jesus Loves Me

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 15:1-11

SERMON

Abiding in Christ

Tom King

to Respond to the Word,

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic[^] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

[^] (universal)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Set Me as a Seal

arr. Michael John Trotta

Brittany Darst, Savannah Dixon, Aiden Davis, and Andrew Davis, Quartet

*DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hal Hopson

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debts/debtors...)

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.

and to be Sent with the Word.

*HYMN #757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (vv.1,3,4)* Henry Smart

*BENEDICTION Tom King

*THE CHIMES

*Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.*

POSTLUDE *He Leadeth Me* arr. Bradbury

*Please stand as you are able.

We welcome and thank our **guest organist** today, Mrs. Rachel Moss. Rachel served as the organist of Clemmons Presbyterian Church for over 16 years before retiring in June 2022.

We Welcome You in the Name of Christ - We especially welcome all our guests and ask that you fill out the "Welcome Visitor" card you will find in the pew. We are a fellowship of prayer, worship, and service to a loving God. If you are looking for a church home, we would be delighted for you to consider membership in Clemmons Presbyterian Church.

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I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.