



Clemmons Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service

May 5, 2024

A warm welcome is extended to all.

CHIMES

“Three chimes initiate our worship representing the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who are present with us and infuse our worship.”

WELCOME

Leigh Wisner

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Dave Westlake

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

PRELUDE

Andante Maestoso
Sanctuary Bells

arr. McChesney

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Lectionaryliturgies.com

Kaylee Hilston

One: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

All: Our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

One: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

All: We bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

One: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

All: Young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched lift the new, new songs of faith.

*HYMN #703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Paul Gerhardt

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Awesome God, we confess that we have allowed fear to rule our lives. We have allowed fear to keep us from loving our neighbors who are different than us. We have allowed fear to close our doors, our hearts, our minds. But You are Perfect Love, and You cast out all fear. Help us to let go of what holds us back and to be open to Your Spirit, to love freely, and to love deeply. We know that our hearts may be broken, but help us anyway to love those most in need, the most vulnerable, and guide us into ways of love and care that help heal our brokenness. In the name of Christ, the One who laid down his life for us because he loved us so much, we pray all things. 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)

Roxanne Wilson

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. On this Lord's day grant that we, the people you create by water and the spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever, amen.

PSALM READING

Psalm 98

ANTHEM

Christ, Be Magnified
Jeffrey Lyons, soloist

Cody Carnes

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Jesus Loves Me

Kaylee Hilston

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

SERMON

Leigh Wisner

to Respond to the Word,

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

"A New Creed"

From: The United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus
Sanctuary Bells

arr. McFadden

*DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hal Hopson

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Ushers will invite you to the table by rows where an elder will give you bread.

Please eat your bread and move to the second elder who will give you an individual cup. Drink the cup and return to your seat using the outside aisles.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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 #231 *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* Bell and Maule

*BENEDICTION

*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 *Trumpet Voluntary* Travers

*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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703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."