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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

OCTOBER 4, 2020

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

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*****Please take a moment and silence your cellphone for the duration of the worship service.***

The Chiming of the Hour and Prelude are times during which we quiet ourselves, centering our hearts and minds in preparation for worship. Please use those times not for socializing but for prayer and meditation. This is a sacred time when God communes with his people.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Jackson and Zenda Rushing

PRELUDE

***OPENING PRAYER**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “THE APOSTLES CREED”**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Rev. Debra Armstong

SERMON

Press On To Gain Christ

Rev. Debra Armstrong

***HYMN**

“Just Haven’t See It Yet” By Danny Gokey

Words on Insert

SERVING OF HOLY COMMUNION

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Please leave your offering in the basket near the door as you exit

Theodore Burns

****Please stand if able***

REMINDER—MASK ARE REQUIRED WHILE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING, INCLUDING WHILE IN SANCTUARY.

United Methodist Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient Church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance & Pardon

P: Hear the Good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

C: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, blessed is your Son Christ Jesus. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set a liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Christ Jesus we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we, may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Christ Jesus with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is your almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

And now the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread & Pouring the Cup

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Giving the Bread & Cup

The body of Christ, given for you

Amen

The blood of Christ, given for you

Amen.

After all have been served we pray together:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Haven't Seen It Yet"

Ohh, oh-oh-oh-ohhh

Have you been praying and you still have no answers?
Have you been pouring out your heart for so many years?
Have you been hoping that things would have changed by now?
Have you cried all the faith you have through so many tears?

Don't forget the things that He has done before
And remember He can do it all once more

It's like the brightest sunrise
Waiting on the other side of the darkest night
Don't ever lose hope, hold on and believe
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet
You're closer than you think you are
Only moments from the break of dawn
All His promises are just up ahead
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet
Maybe you just haven't seen it

He had the solution before you had the problem
He sees the best in you when you feel at your worst
So in the questioning don't ever doubt His love for you
'Cause it's only in His love that you'll find a breakthrough, oh

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Waiting on the other side of the darkest night
Don't ever lose hope, hold on and believe
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet
You're closer than you think you are
Only moments from the break of dawn
All His promises are just up ahead
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet
Maybe you just haven't seen it

He is moving with a love so deep
Hallelujah for the victory
Good things are coming even when we can't see
We can't see it yet, but we believe that
He is moving with a love so deep
Hallelujah for the victory
Good things are coming even when we can't see
We can't see it yet, but we believe that

It's like the brightest sunrise
Waiting on the other side of the darkest night
Don't ever lose hope, hold on and believe (Don't ever lose hope)
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet (Just haven't seen it yet)
You're closer than you think you are (Think you are)
Only moments from the break of dawn
All His promises are just up ahead
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet
(You gotta hold on, hold on)
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet (Hold on)
Maybe you just haven't seen it, just haven't seen it yet (Just haven't seen it yet)

Ooh-ooh, ooh-ooh-oohh