

# CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.



## PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

### CENTERING MOMENT

No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. - Nelson Mandela

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

Look for Me at Jesus' Feet

Squire Parsons

# GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Moore

## PRELUDE

How Beautiful

Twila Paris

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Annie Stewart

We come to this place where God pours out love on us,  
    **we join our voices in praise, as our fears are left behind.**  
We gather with these people, those who seek to follow Jesus,  
    **so we might walk the paths of service hand in hand.**  
We open our hearts to the gifts of the Spirit,  
    **so that grace and peace might be the fruit we bear.**

## HYMN

To God be the Glory

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To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Annie Stewart

There come those moments when we stand exposed, our failings, our hurtful words, our harmful ways open for all to see. But God takes these moments, and these sins, redeeming them through compassionate love, making us new

people, children of the Living God. Let us come, in these moments, with our prayers to the One who waits to forgive us and make us whole. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Annie Stewart

We carry our fears around with us like so much pocket lint, Compassionate Heart, when you would take them and toss them aside, spent and useless. You invite us to sit and chat with someone who wants to know more about you, but we are busy running errands. You give us a simple command - to love, and we complicate it with rules, worries, and doubts. Forgive us, Vine Grower. You have planted those seeds of mercy, of hope, of grace deep within us, so we might bear rich and nourishing fruit for others. May we not get in the way of your Gardner, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who will use the Holy Spirit to bring forth an abundant crop. -- *Silence is kept*-- Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Rev. Michael Moore

God abides in you! God is breathing, living, forgiving, restoring you in this moment, and in the days to come. This is the good news for us! As God is in us, so we can live, work, care for others, so that love, hope and joy might touch all people. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

## **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

1 John 4:7-21

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

#### **ANTHEM**

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands  
Mimi Gentry, soprano

Spiritual/Beverly Terrell

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:**

John 15:1-8

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

We Were Born to Love

Rev. Michael Moore

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from the Belhar Confession)

We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need... that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**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.**

... Great is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**  
... Through Christ, with Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. Amen.

## **The Communion of God's People**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(When you hear Lord in your mercy, please respond by saying: hear our prayer)  
**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**

### **WORDS OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING**

Annie Stewart

God's love is revealed in those who seek to be faithful in sharing their gifts, so  
the hungry might be fed, so the lonely might be comforted, so the forgotten  
will be remembered, so our sisters and brothers might know God's grace and  
love in their lives. Amen.

## **FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

### **HYMN**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and Women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Come Into His Presence

Lynn Baird

The liturgy was written by Pastor Michael's friend and colleague, Thom M. Shuman and is found in his book, [Where the Broken Gather](#) © 2014

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore  
Music Director and Organist: Dawn McCord  
Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith  
Liturgist: Annie Stewart  
Sound Technician: Bryant Hand  
Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison  
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Handbell Director: Brianna Cunningham  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Michael's Installation Service will be Sunday afternoon, May 2nd at 3pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86435385410?pwd=SE5OWXY2SnpHVWU2eTVuM3A0N2hrdZ09>

Meeting ID: 864 3538 5410

Passcode: 612347

There are many ministries that Carrollton Presbyterian Church supports in our community and beyond. You may give of your time, talent, and tithes by contacting the church office, mailing a check to the church or by giving online through Realm Communications or [carrolltonpresbyterian.church](http://carrolltonpresbyterian.church). Thank you for this prayerful consideration of your gifts.



Are you missing being together for fellowship and Sunday School? Then come to Westminster Hall on Wednesday mornings starting May 5th at 9:00 am for a devotional/ prayer/bible study time. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. We will meet for 30-45 minutes and it will be led by Mary Anne Taylor.

### **Congregational Meeting**

There will be a Special Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 16th immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Andy Taylor to fill the remainder of Carolyn Aycok's term on Session. The Session accepted, with regrets, Carolyn's resignation at the April 15th meeting.



### **Tai Chi for Beginners**

Want to improve your balance and fellowship with friends? Beginning Tai Chi starts on April 18th. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and join us at 9:30-10:15 (the Sunday School Hour). We'll gather on the back lawn of the church and we're masking to protect our vulnerable. Call Mimi Gentry if you want more details. Mimi Gentry 770-630-1097



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
<b>Monday, May 3</b>		
<b>Tuesday, May 4</b>		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks-Westminster Hall	
<b>Wednesday, May 5</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Devotional and Fellowship	
<b>Thursday, May 6</b>		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
<b>Friday, May 7</b>		
<b>Saturday, May 8</b>		
<b>Sunday, May 9</b>		
	<b>Mother's Day</b>	
11:00 a.m.	Live Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting)	Worship Team

\* For more information on any of these events, please contact the church office, or an elder serving on the appropriate leadership team.

**Session Members:** Jay Horsley (Admin), Mimi Gentry (Communications), Bennett Brown (Fellowship), Dena Wilson (Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Bette Stuckey (Member Care), Lisa Somerlot (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Linda Handyside (Outreach), and Jeff Branyon (Outreach)