

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

Eleven O'clock

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OFFERTORY

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Thygerson/Kirkpatrick

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Congregation: **Through your goodness we have good gifts to share.**
Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.
Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**
All: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

HYMN 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The Spirit of Joy"

David Paxton

Please remain seated so that all worshippers, in the sanctuary and online, may enjoy the blessing of the music.

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me....
Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**
Leader: Within the gates of God's holy city, we gather this day to claim the joy, the peace and the safe rest of the children of the Most High. Let us rejoice in God's holy gifts.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Shout to the Lord/Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
arr. by Susan Naylor Callaway

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 81
Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, and the lyre.
Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon,
for this is a law of the God of Jacob

HYMN 664

"Morning Has Broken"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 119: 29-32

Put false ways far from me;
and graciously teach me your law.
I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your ordinances before me.
I cling to your decrees, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame.
I run the way of your commandments,
for you enlarge my understanding.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6: 25-33

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

SERMON

ANOTHER WAY

Rev. George Slaton

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GUEST PREACHER

This morning we are pleased to welcome Rev. George Slaton to the pulpit.

George Slaton, a Charlotte native, grew up in nearby Concord. He attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond VA and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in Louisville KY. He served churches in Florida and Tennessee. George completed a residency in pastoral psychotherapy at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta GA. He served as therapist and Executive Director at Presbyterian Counseling Center in Wilmington NC from 1980 until 2010. An honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Charlotte, George serves on its Conciliation Team.