



ST. CHARLES AVENUE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*Online Worship*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## GATHERING

*Good Morning and welcome to worship at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church on this third Sunday after Epiphany.  
This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Jinkins

CALL TO WORSHIP "Let us worship God!"

VOLUNTARY

"Air"

Battishill

Steven B. Blackmon, organ

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*from Psalm 62*)

Pierce Young

God our Deliverer, our souls wait upon thee for our salvation comes from you alone. You, O God, truly are our strength, our defense, our mighty hope in life and in death. Amen.

HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear the sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Psalm 62:8*)

Let us hear the words of the Psalmist, as the Word of God inviting us to confess: "O put your trust in the Lord, all ye people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

What trust it requires, O God, to pour out our hearts. There are secrets within us we would hardly whisper even to ourselves, let alone anyone else. What confidence it requires on our parts, that you will handle with tenderness and compassion our deepest regrets, our greatest sorrows, sins we have hidden away wishing to forget moments of weakness or anger. By the encouragement of your Spirit, we pray, open our hearts that we may speak to you silently, that we may speak and pour out our hearts. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Quicken within us, O Lord, the assurance that you have forgiven our sins. Quicken also within us the assurance that we may rise and walk in the newness of life, that our sins and faults and failings have been blotted out. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your Word is a light unto our feet, showing us the next step, and the next, and the next. You may not illuminate the distant goal, but we know we can trust you for each step along our way. Amen.

### MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Sarah Edgecombe

### THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

### THE GOSPEL LESSON

The Gospel According to St. Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

### SERMON

"The Lord Reigns"

Michael Jenkins

### 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 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.**

### GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### OFFERTORY

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"

Wilberg

JeAnne Swinley, soprano; SCAPC Chancel Choir and Orchestra

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, we do wait for you; though waiting sometimes impatiently.

We wait wishing human beings could be more human.

We wait for justice that doesn't give in to the impulse to put a finger on its scales or lift its blindfold to peek at how well the defendant at the bar is dressed.

We wait for peace when all around us people clamor for violence as though it were only a game.

We wait for rightness, for mercy, for simple goodness, and for wisdom. And as we wait, we take stock of our own souls.

Is not our impatience a positive sign, a glimmer of your reign in our hearts?

And is it not also true that when we recognize our complicity in the world's failings, we are learning to confess?

That ragged prophet clad in animal skins, eating insects and raiding honey combs, called for us to turn or burn. But the one who came after him seemed to sympathize more with our condition. He taught of the same reign as John, but with a compassion that invites us to enjoy and not to fear the good news of his gospel. We have cast our fate with him: Joyfully judged we are, because he somehow took our sins upon himself and repented for us. And now, now we can wait with him. And maybe this is the key. Amen.

**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.**

## SENDING

### HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Refrain

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Refrain

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come  
and gather all the saints to their eternal home. Refrain

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Irish Blessing"  
SCAPC Virtual Chancel Choir

Blackmon

### VOLUNTARY

"Voluntary in D"  
Steven B. Blackmon, organ

Bennett

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