

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Currie

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 146)

Pierce Young

In the sunshine and gentle summer breezes; we will praise the Lord.

In the storm, and wind, and flood; we will praise the Lord.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and Mighty God, we give you thanks and praise in all of life's varied circumstances. We worship you, not the sanctuary that we have built with stone and mortar, but in the sanctuaries you have built in our hearts. We pray that even the midst of our separation and the destruction and loss all around us, that we will never cease to seek out your goodness and faithfulness. Fill us with such joy in your presence that our tears may turn into dancing. Empower us with your grace to share this hope with others and may everything we do be done for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

HYMN

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

SLANE

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Lord our God, forgive us for thinking that there was ever a time when it was easy to be a Christian and to follow Jesus Christ. Forgive us for glamorizing the past and for making idols by looking backwards to past periods of church and our lives with rose-colored spectacles. Forgive us also for dismissing the present and never quite believing that right now may be the exact moment you are demanding our best courage, strength, and faithful discipleship. Perhaps worst of all, forgive us for painting our future as bleak, foreboding,

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and hopeless; forgive us for living our lives and looking ahead as if our future could never be transformed or redeemed or altered in Jesus Christ.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and transform what we will be until your kingdom comes. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING (response: **Thanks be to God.**)

Psalm 146

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Michele Murphy

SECOND READING (response: **Thanks be to God.**)

Mark 7:24-37

SERMON

"Don't Believe the Hype"

Chris Currie

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostle's 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

"Glory Be to the Father"

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Song of the Wanderer"

Forrest

Kameron Lopreore, tenor

WAYS TO SUPPORT HURRICANE RELIEF THROUGH SCAPC

SENDING

HYMN

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

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The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASSISTANCE AND PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SCAPC COMMUNITY: We have been reaching out to members in the hopes of identifying any needs among our congregation and how we can be of service. If you need any form of assistance and/or pastoral care, please email events@scapc.org or complete a prayer request at www.scapc.org/prayer and our staff will respond as soon as possible. In the meantime, we hold you all in prayer!

NO ON-SITE CHURCH EVENTS UNTIL AT LEAST SEPTEMBER 12: Owing to power outages, on-site church events through at least September 12 have been either cancelled or moved to a Zoom format. Please be watching your inbox or phone for communications from individual church group leaders for details. The church building sustained no major damages, however there are minor issues we will need to resolve before reopening.

RHINO/HURRICANE RELIEF: Savannah Fraser, RHINO Director, is organizing volunteer opportunities in our community as well as the surrounding bayou neighborhoods. Visit www.scapc.org/relief for the latest relief news and/or make a monetary donation to the RHINO/Hurricane Relief Fund. Questions? Contact Savannah at rhino@scapc.org.

YOUTH EVENTS THIS WEEK: Chris Hazlaris, Youth & Young Adults Director, has organized a number of youth and youth parent Zoom events this week. For details, visit www.scapc.org/youth.