

“WE PRAISE GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS” (DOXOLOGY)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. / Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD’S WORD: Acts 19:18-20

“Book Burning and Cancel Culture”

Pastor Michael Colvard

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER

“WE REJOICE IN ALL YOUR WORKS (PSALM 104)”

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
Every eye that searches through the dark for light,
All creation looks to You for its breath and for its food;
From the goodness of Your hand we’re satisfied.

Refrain

Oh rejoice in all Your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature You have made declares Your praise.

We rejoice in all You’ve made, God of all sustaining grace;
With the mountain, sky, and sea we sing Your praise.

Every tree that thirst for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
All creation looks to You for its breath and for its food;

From the goodness of Your hand we’re satisfied. (Refrain)

May the pond’rings of my heart and the song upon my lips,
With the chorus of creation join in praise,
To the God who made all things, To the Spirit who sustains,
To the Son who over all creation reigns. (Refrain)

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WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING OVER US

THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Missionary:	David & Estelle Abernathy Wycliffe Bible Translators
Community Program or Need:	Local Government
Church in our Presbytery:	Christ Church at River’s Edge Belmont, NC Rev. Ray Kruntorad
Harbor Church:	Our Worship
Outreach:	Outreach to People God has Already Placed in our Lives

Please see our special prayer email for prayer requests. If you’d like to submit a prayer request, you can email Rebecca at the church’s office (harborchurchpca@gmail.com). For confidential requests, please email the elders (elders@harborchurch.org)



The Worship of God

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Harbor’s mission is to exist as a FAMILY of God’s people to GLORIFY God in all things, by PREACHING the gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, EQUIPPING His saints, and ENGAGING our community and the world with the love of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Welcome visitors! To stay connected, go to harborchurch.org and sign up for our emails)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Psalm 18:13-19 (selections) (Please Read Responsively)

The LORD thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire.

The channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.

WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US (PRAYER OF INVOCATION)

“AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN” Trinity Hymnal #455 (vs 1,2,3,5)

And can it be that I should gain an int’rest in the Savior’s blood?

Died He for me who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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‘Tis myst’ry all! The Immortal dies: who can explore His strange design?

In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.

‘Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more.

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father’s throne above, So free, so infinite His grace!

Humbled Himself so great His love! And bled for all His chosen race.

‘Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me!

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!

Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions— seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray, Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS (*Silently*)

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: *Ephesians 5:5-8*

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

“BY FAITH”

By faith we see the hand of God, In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth, With the power of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day, When the longed-for Messiah would appear,
With the power to break the chains of sin and death, And rise triumphant from the grave.
By faith the church was called to go, In the power of the Spirit to the lost.
To deliver captives and to preach good news, In every corner of the earth. (*Chorus*)

By faith this mountain shall be moved, And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible, For all who call upon His name. (*Chorus 2x*)

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER: Heidelberg Catechism #112

112. Q. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. I must not give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard. Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit as the devil's own works, under penalty of God's heavy wrath. In court and everywhere else, I must love the truth, speak and confess it honestly, and do what I can to defend and promote my neighbor's honor and reputation.

Memory Verse: *Ephesians 6:11-12*

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

“O FOUNT OF LOVE”

O fount of love divine that flows, From my Savior's bleeding side.
Where sinners trade their filthy rags, For His righteousness applied.
Mercy cleansing ev'ry stain, Now rushing o'er us like a flood.
There the wretch and vilest ones, Stand adopted through His blood.

O mount of grace to Thee we cling, From the law hath set us free.
Once and for all on Calv'ry's hill, Love and justice shall agree.
Praise the Lord the price is paid, The curse defeated by the Lamb.
We who once were slaves by birth, Sons and daughters now we stand.

O well of joy is mine to drink, For my Lord has conquered death.
Victorious forevermore, The ancient foe is laid to rest.
Hallelujah Christ is King, Alive and reigning on the throne.
Our tongues employed with hymns of praise, Glory be to God alone.

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WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD *Acts 17:22-28*

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “ ‘In Him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed His offspring.’

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

Michael Colvard

WE WORSHIP GOD BY GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS (*Our mailing address is: Harbor Church, PCA, P.O. Box 4025, Mooresville, NC 28117*) *counted & deposited every two weeks