

## WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS" (DOXOLOGY)

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

## WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD: Luke 8:1-10

*"The Sower, Part 1: The Point of the Parables"*

Pastor Michael Colvard

## "COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

Trinity Hymnal #457

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)

THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Missionary:	Michael and Amy Parks ( <i>Mission to the World: Fremantle, Australia</i> )
Community Program or Need:	Local Emergency Services
Church in our Presbytery:	Northcross Church (Cornelius, NC) Rev. Sid Druen
Harbor Church:	<b>Women's Bible Study &amp; Women's Care Team</b>
Outreach:	Our Neighbors Near Us

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 119:17-24 (selections)

*(Please Read Responsively)*

Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.

Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me! My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.

Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.

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

## "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

Trinity Hymnal #53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O, my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

**Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been,**  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee,  
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
**Spreading His wings to o'er-shade thee!**

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER

*Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.*

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS *(silently)*

### GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: *Ephesians 2:8*

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

### “THERE WERE NINETY AND NINE” Trinity Hymnal #187 (vs. 1,2,3,5)

There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold, but one was out on the hills away, far off from the gates of gold  
Away on the mountains, wild and bare, away from the tender shepherd's care, away from the tender shepherd's care.

"Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine; are they not enough for Thee?" But the shepherd made answer: "This of mine has wandered far from me, and though the road be rough and steep, I go to the desert to find my sheep, I go to the desert to find my Sheep."

But none of the ransomed ever knew how deep were the waters crossed; nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed through ere He found His sheep that was lost. Out in the desert He heard its cry- sick and helpless, and ready to die; sick and helpless and ready to die.

But all through the mountains, thunder riven, and up from the rocky steep, there arose a glad cry at the gates of Heaven, "Rejoice! I have found my sheep!" And the angels echoed around the throne, "Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own! Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own!"

## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER Catechism for Children

Q. 37. What does every sin deserve?

A. The wrath and curse of God.

Q. 38. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?

A. No; our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.

Q. 39. What is a change of heart called?

A. Regeneration.

### Q. 40. Who can change a sinner's heart?

A. The Holy Spirit alone.

### MEMORY VERSE: *Philippians 2:3-4*

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

### “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 READ FROM GOD'S WORD *Isaiah 6:8-13*

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." <sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive." <sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." <sup>11</sup> Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, <sup>12</sup> and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup> And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

### WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

*Gabe Atchison*

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