

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

11:00 A.M. **Third Sunday of Easter** **April 18, 2010**

THE WELCOME

John Thomas

Greeter: O praise the Lord with me,

People: Let us exalt God's name together.

THE MOMENT FOR MISSION

Time and Talent
Sandra Russ

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

THE CHORAL INTROIT *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* Ralph Vaughan William

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: A day in the courts of God is better than a thousand elsewhere!

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: For the Lord God is a sun and shield, He bestows favor and honor.

People: No good things does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

ALL: O Lord of hosts, blessed are those who trust in Thee!

*+ **THE HYMN** No. 121 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, we confess that we are people who are often lacking zeal to serve You. We sometimes consider our responsibility to serve You more of a drudgery than a delight. Our deepest interest seems to be serving ourselves. We become enthusiastic about things which have little to do with fulfilling the ministry of Christ, and have everything to do with self-fulfillment. We confess that we are quick to get excited about our favorite games, sports teams, celebrities, and singers. We even sacrifice our money and our time to experience them all. We cheer them on with great enthusiasm. But we often come to worship and feel nothing. We have taken You for granted, Lord. You are the One who sacrificed

and saved us from our sins. You are the One who overcame death and gave us new life. You are the Lord of all creation!

Forgive us, Lord! Stir within us a fresh passion for Christ. Awaken us from our spiritual slumber. Transform our hearts in such a way that we are no longer as drawn to the things of this world, as we are enthused by the things of Your Word. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

* **THE RESPONSE** No. 567 *Gloria Patri* John Weaver

* THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Let us be "always thankful to the Father who made us fit to share all the wonderful things that belong to those who live in the Kingdom of Light!"

People: "For He has rescued us out of the darkness and gloom of Satan's kingdom and brought us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who bought our freedom with His blood and forgave us all our sins." (Col. 1:13, 14)

* **THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE** No. 572 *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* John Merbecke

*+ THE PEACE

The congregation may greet one another in the Lord. The leader will conclude the time of greeting by saying, "The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." The people will respond, "And also with you."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 3: 14 – 16 (Pg. 247)

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE MOMENT WITH CHILDREN Kathy Chessman

* **THE HYMN** No. 119 *The Strife is O'er* VICTORY

THE SERMON *What's Your Temperature?* Rev. Philip West

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* (Trad.), pg. 14

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debtors)

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Carl Mueller

* **THE DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

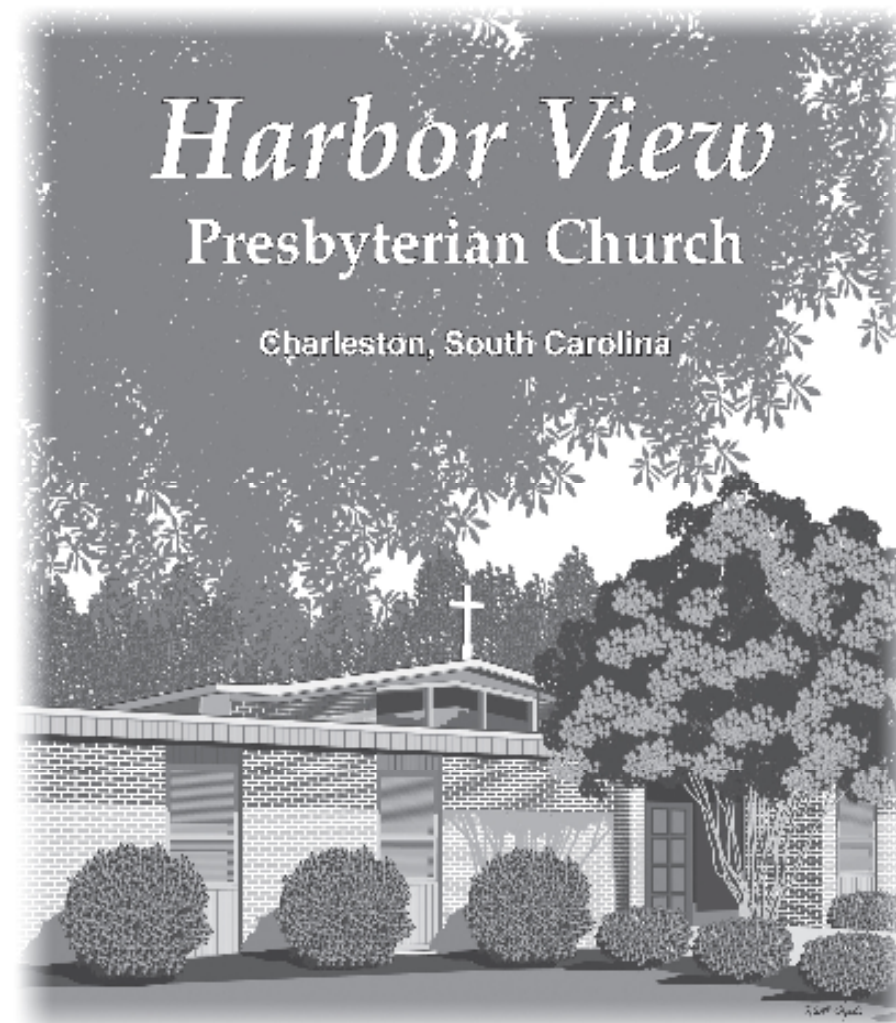
* **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

* **THE HYMN** No. 280 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

* **THE BENEDICTION**

* **THE RESPONSE** *Seven-Fold Amen* Stainer

* **THE POSTLUDE** *Azmon* Paul Manz



Come feel the warmth of God's family.

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