

UNION ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Richburg, South Carolina

Order of Worship

September 13, 2020

Welcome in the name of Christ to all who gather for worship at Union ARP Church. As you join us for worship, we hope that you will sense God's presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God's Word, and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world. If you do not have a church home in this community, we encourage you to consider uniting with us in our work and worship.

You may place your tithes and offerings in one of the plates prior to worship or as you leave.

Prelude *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

Welcome and Announcements Mr. Rob Dodson

Call to Worship Rev. Gaston and Congregation

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

*Hymn 21 *Sing Praise to the Lord!* LAUDATE DOMINUM

¹ Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, you angels of light.

You heavens, adore him by whom you were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

² Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him on the earth
in tuneful accord, you saints of new birth.
Praise him who has brought you his grace from above;
praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.

³ Sing praise to the Lord! All things that give sound,
each jubilant chord, re-echo around.
Loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone,
and trumpets, the story of what he has done.

⁴ Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be out-poured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord!

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Gaston and Congregation

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.

Responsive Reading

Rev. Gaston, Rev. Lakatos and Congregation

Dedication of the Hymnals and Piano to the Worship of God

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,

On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute,

And on the harp, With harmonious sound.

Creator God, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, voices to sing Your praise and instruments to resound the majesty of Your name.

We are grateful You have gifted Your people with music.

When words fail, music can express our deepest yearnings.

In the seasons of our lives, we can find You in the notes of the familiar hymns whose melodies bring soothing calm and sweet serenity.

When we are silent in Your presence, we can seek You and find You in the songs of quiet contemplation.

When we gather to worship, music can voice our highest and most exalted praise through the sounds of strength and majesty.

Let us pray:

Eternal, caring God, we give thanks for our freedom to worship; and for the faithfulness and generosity of spirit which built up this community of faith. Honoring that faithfulness and generosity, we dedicate these hymnals and this piano to your worship and praise, and the glory of your name, O Lord our God. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Lakatos and Congregation

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; and 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.

*universal or world-wide

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE

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. Amen.

Prayer Rev. Lakatos

Offertory *Meditation on NICAEA* arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

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Scripture Psalm 150 NIV Rev. Gaston

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. ² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. ³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, ⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, ⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Sermon *Praise the Lord* Rev. Gaston

Prayer Rev. Gaston

*Bible Song 318 *Let Us Praise Him* DUKE STREET

¹ O praise our Lord, where rich in grace His presence fills His holy place;
Praise Him in yon celestial arch, Where holds His pow'r its glorious march,

² O praise Him for His deeds of fame, O praise the greatness of His name;
O praise Him with the trumpet's sound, With harp and psaltery answering round,

³ On cymbals loud Jehovah praise; On cymbals high His glory raise;
Let all that breathe, with glad accord, Lift up their voice and praise the Lord.

*Closing Prayer Rev. Gaston

*Benediction Rev. Gaston

*Postlude *Postlude on DUKE STREET* arr. Ramona Hallman

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*Stand, if able

Announcements

Our 9-11 Appreciation Meal for First Responders this past Friday was the result of many hours of planning; preparing the church inside and outside; purchasing, preparing, and serving the food; as well as cleaning up afterward. Thanks to **all** of our volunteers for the time, work, and heart you put into making this event a success. We also appreciate all of the time and efforts of the staff of Barron Funeral Home in this joint venture. We are hoping to make this an annual event.

Thanks to Pete and Mary Burton along with David and Jane McCain for the landscaping around the sign. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to improve our church grounds.

The Deacons will have their regular meeting today after worship.

The Session will meet next Sunday after worship.

The WOC will meet Sunday, September 27th after worship. All women of the church are invited to attend. Rev. Gaston plans to meet with us.

We will continue to collect nonperishable food items each week. Please remember to check expiration dates. Let's fill up our box in the vestibule again!

Bible Study Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Roger Lakatos. You will continue to get the Bible Study and Notes online at www.unionarpchurch.org under Sermons.

Volunteers are needed for nursery, church cleaning, and yard work. See sign-up sheets on bulletin board. Your help is greatly appreciated.

There are copies of our old Trinity Hymnal in Library, History Room, and the door to the ramp. If you are interested in having a copy, please pick it up as you leave the church.

We have had memorials /honorariums for 205 hymnals. You still have time to participate by paying \$25.00 per hymnal. Please designate the person's name on your check. Send your money to David McCain. Remember this should be in addition to your normal giving to the church.

Upper Rooms are out in the vestibule.

Special Offerings:

In Memory of the Orr Family by Brian Campbell (Union Cemetery)

In Memory of Ron Seegars by Ed and Ginger Sharpe (New Hymnal)

In Honor of Joe Gaston by Libby Gaston (46 years since work accident) (New Hymnal)

Prayer List: All medical personnel working on the frontlines of this pandemic ,Those infected with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 and their families, Sylvia Jennings, Dennis Heasty, Philip Crittenden, Rev. Dwight Pearson, Walter (Watt) Moore, Dean Jackson, Gil Helms, Chris, Dover, Fran Morris, Zach Hill, Katie Galvis, The McWaters Family, Tucker Evans, The McCallister Family, Denney Edge, Joe Kee, Lona Gilmore, Connie Mason, Steve Sloan, David and Nancy Elliott, Jerry Locke, Joe Howell, Ted Ratterree, Bill and Terry Gladden, Sheila Hargrove, Jaclyn Catlett Helms, Bo, Bruce, and Rusty Kee, Jerry and Dewana Neely, Sandy Bennett, Iva Smith, Tammy and Gary Shepherd, persecuted Christians, our brothers and sisters in the Church here at home and around the world, our Leaders and our Nation.

