

Service for the Lord's Day

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Dear God, teach us to praise you in spirit and in truth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

John Hillin

*INTROIT #755

"Alleluia! Laud and Blessing" (v.1)

Morgan, 2011

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #755

"Alleluia! Laud and Blessing" (v.2-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even though we continually turn away from God, the Lord is eager to forgive. Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sins, first silently, and then with the Unison Prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful

stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our loving God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

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Proclaiming

ANTHEM

"Bless the Lord, my Soul"

(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 113

Bibles, p.532/LG. p.692

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #829

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Palmer, 1830

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-13

Bibles, p.74/LG. p.96

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Two Masters"

Rev. Charlie Hornes

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Affirmation of Faith is from the Confession of 1967 (9.50)

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response, it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgement of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of all men's guilt before God and of their need

for his forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God’s goodness to all men and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of his goodness, the healing of men’s ills, and their deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help men to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of his love. This, we believe.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #667 *“When Morning Gilds the Skies” (v.1-3)* Caswell, 1853

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

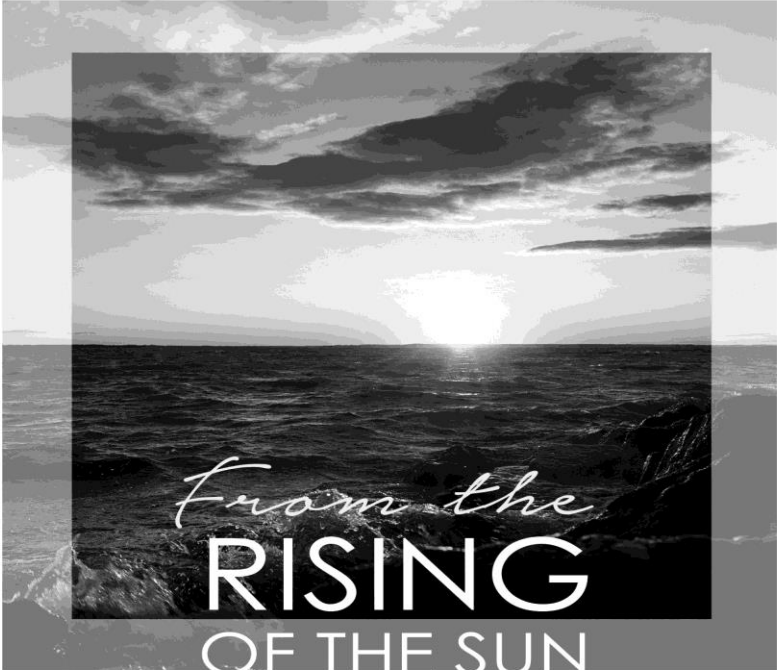
*RESPONSE #667 *“When Morning Gilds the Skies” (v.4)*

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

The Reverend Charlie Michele Hornes is a graduate from Union Theological Seminary, part of Columbia Universities in New York City, where she received her D.Min in 2010. She’s a native Texan, her home church is Lufkin First Presbyterian, and she is a life-long Presbyterian. She is also CPE Board Certified. Charlie is married to Michael, and they have two small boys, Henry (6) and Cooper (3). One thing you may not know about Charlie is that her first career was as a professional actress in New York City where she received her BFA from Marymount Manhattan College’s Acting Conservatory. Before being called to Seminary, Charlie worked in NYC’s film, TV and commercial print world as a member of all the professional acting guilds. Charlie loves reading science fiction and fantasy books, playing with her boys, being a soccer mom, getting back to the gym, and relaxing down-time spent with Michael. She is so happy to be helping out in the Henderson pulpit!

This week’s prayers and concerns: Judy Andrasko, Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, Kay Warren, Sue Williams, and Bill Caldwell (Katie Hurst’s father).



From the
RISING

OF THE SUN
to its setting, the
name of the LORD
is to be praised!

Psalm 113:3

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