

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

1 March 2020  
Mosaic Worship  
11:00 AM  
GATHER

### Meditation of Preparation

*Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.*

Mahatma Gandhi

*The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.*

Soren Kierkegaard

*A prayer for the wild at heart kept in cages.*

Tennessee Williams, *Stairs to the Roof*

### Candle Lighting

### Special Music

*Truth*  
Jubilee Choir

Christian McIvor

### Welcome and Announcements

Lin Story-Bunce

## GRACE

### Prelude

*What a Wonderful World*  
Jubilee Choir

Bob Thiele

### ★ Call to Worship

We seek holy purposes – tarnished lives.  
We affirm that life itself is sacred, designed with wondrous hope!  
The world itself was made for good, for growth, for care and joy.  
Each day is holy, every tree and river a treasure.  
Every human being an unknown marvel, every heart a noble enterprise;  
Every soul is but a promise from the God of grace;  
Every friend is just an opening flower, in the image of a maker who creates in beauty and in care!  
Come then, Let us love what God loves, treasure what God treasures,  
worship the Creator and embrace and celebrate all that the grand designer made! Amen

### ★ Prayer of Thanksgiving

★ Please stand as you are able.

### ★ Glory to God #463

*How Firm A Foundation*

FOUNDATION

## GROW

### Hebrew Scripture Readings

*Psalm 63 The Message*

God—you're my God! I can't get enough of you! I've worked up such hunger and thirst for God, traveling across dry and weary deserts. So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in your strength and glory. In your generous love I am really living at last! My lips brim praises like fountains. I bless you every time I take a breath; My arms wave like banners of praise to you. I eat my fill of prime rib and **gravy; I smack my lips. It's time to shout praises! If I'm sleepless at midnight, I spend the hours in grateful reflection. Because you've always stood up for me, I'm free to run and play.** I hold on to you for dear life, and you hold me steady as a post. Those **who are out to get me are marked for doom, marked for death, bound for hell. They'll die violent deaths; jackals will tear them limb from limb. But the king is glad in God; his true friends spread the joy, while small-minded gossips are gagged for good.**

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,  
Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

*Dust I Am*  
Combined Choir

words by: Linley Thompson  
music: Mark Miller

### Children's Sermon

Lexi Eagles

*Children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon. Afterwards, children aged 3 may go to the toddlers' room, children ages 4 through 1st grade may leave for children's worship (room 110), 2nd graders & older may return to their seats.*

### Prayer for the World & Unison Response

In the beginning, O God, you shaped my soul and set its weave, you formed my body and gave it breath. Renew me this day in the image of your love. O great God, grant me your grace. O great God, grant me your joy this day and let me be made pure in the well of your health. Amen.


Celtic Prayer

### Response

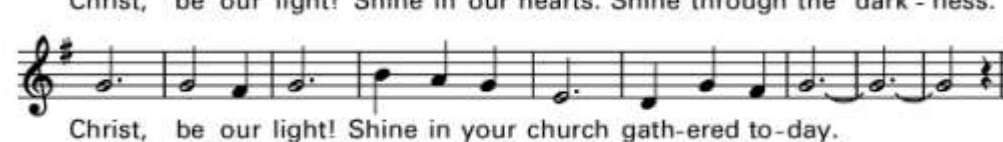
*Christ Be Our Light*

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

### Prayer of Confession

We come to confess and heal again today, O God.

**We confess that we are distracted and preoccupied. There's pain and sorrow everywhere, and we are discouraged by our challenges and limitations.**

Apathy seems to trump involvement; faith is fragile; commitments to causes evoke more caution than excitement.

Help us to recover a sense of what is valuable and sacred in this world; teach us to discover a peace that overshadows our distress; guide us through the shadows to the clarity that calls us to believe again!

In your most gracious name we pray. Amen.

### Moment of Silence

Leader: You are loved. You are forgiven. So be at peace.

### Sermon

Here's a List, God, of the People  
Who I Want the Jackals to Rip Apart

Michael Usey

### Moment of Silence

*Go where your best prayers take you.*

Frederick Buechner

## GIVE

### ★ Glory to God #543

*God, Be the Love to  
Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

### ★ Offertory Prayer

*Dear Jesus, do something.*

Vladimir Nabokov, *Pale Fire*

### Offertory

*Rock of My Salvation*

Teresa Muller

You are the Rock of my salvation,  
You are the strength of my life.  
You are my hope and my inspiration,  
Lord, unto You will I cry.  
I believe in You, believe in You,  
for Your faithful love to me.  
You have been my help in time of need;  
Lord, unto You will I cleave.  
You are the Rock of my salvation,  
You are the strength of my life.

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Lin Story-Bunce

**This is the Lord's table, all who follow Jesus as Lord are invited to partake of it.**  
At College Park, parents decide when children are ready to take communion.  
Communion servers today are new members of our Deaconate and those rotating off.

Wine is in the ceramic chalices. Grape juice is in the glass chalices.  
Gluten-free bread is available at the front table.

### ★ Communion

\* Response *Doxology 27* LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
 O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* Benediction Michael Usey

\* Response *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET  
 African American Spiritual



\* Postlude *There is Joy in the Lord* Cheri Keaggy

\* Depart in Peace  
*I prayed for freedom for twenty years, but received no answer until I prayed with my legs.*  
 Frederick Douglass

College Park Baptist Church fully welcomes and affirms all persons without distinction regarding race, ethnicity, national origin, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other human category.

The Liturgist today is Tom Hardin.  
 The Deacon Greeter today is Zach Usey.

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Land Acknowledgment: This worship service is taking place on land that belonged to the First Nation tribes of Eno, Catawba, Sakori, and Sappony, who stewarded this land for generations.



## Sunday Announcements



**Creation. Care. Consideration.**  
 Plant a tree. Trees clean our air and create oxygen.  
 This is a great way to compensate for the pollution in our environment.

### A Few Things to Remember when Caring for People with Cancer ...

This congregation has seen more than its fair share of people we love fighting cancer and we have created a remarkable support system for these families. As you continue to minister with us to these families, here are some important things to remember:

- We often want to offer our support but aren't exactly sure how to do that. Our staff, caregiving committee and our casserole committee stay connected to these families to find out what they are needing and when that would be most helpful. Consider offering your support by being connected to one of these groups.
- Offer love by making people feel seen. It's okay to ask how things are going when you see people who you know are going through treatment. A note of love is also a welcomed gift.
- Take care with what you share. We all have our own experiences with cancer that stir emotions and stories not always helpful for those currently walking this difficult journey.
- Remember the children. Families are often taking these experiences one step at a time, especially when children are involved. Be careful not to move ahead or say too much - little ears and hearts take in more than we realize.

College Park is a beautiful community of people overflowing with love! What a gift it is to journey through life here!

### Wednesday Night Schedule for March

March 4: Mosaic Talkback 2  
 March 11: Lenten Bible Study  
 March 18: Lenten Bible Study  
 March 25: Lenten Bible Study

### Youth Activities - Sunday Evening

5:00pm Youth Choir  
 6:00pm Youth Dinner  
 6:30—7:45pm Holy Chaos

### Youth Mission Trip

This summer our youth will spend a week living with and serving alongside the community of New Orleans. The dates for the trip are July 18—25. Cost is \$400.

### Passportkids

Dates for Passportkids 2020 is July 6—9 @ Montreat Conference Center. Cost is \$275.00.

### Youth Ski Trip, March 6—8

The youth are headed to the mountains for a weekend of fun on the slopes. If your youth is interested in joining the fun, be sure to signup on the youth webpage: [www.cbpcyouthchaos.wordpress.com](http://www.cbpcyouthchaos.wordpress.com)



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