

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 10, 2021

10:00 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

PRELUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

arr. Mark Hayes

Jeffrey DeVault – piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve Clark

INTROIT

How Awesome Is This Place

J. N. Beck

Chancel Choir

How awesome is this place; this is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Raven Studer

One: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives
or try to avoid it,

**ALL: GOD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL,
SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE.**

ONE: Whether we are longtimers or latecomers
in the life of faith,

**ALL: GOD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL,
SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE.**

One: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable
or bring hardship,

**ALL: GOD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL,
SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE.**

One: We praise God's name forever and ever!

*HYMN NO. 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Gracious God,
we spend much time and energy and resources
seeking after things.**

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But we use little time or energy seeking after you.
We expect generosity, Lord,
but we have not shown generosity.
We have not been gracious or grateful.
We have failed to remember all that you have done.
Lord, forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.
Help us to share our gifts,
and strengthen and encourage us
to seek after you, O God.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Gloria Patri

NO. 581

**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**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Choose Life!

Pastor Steve Clark

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Michael Jones – Deacons, Class of 2022

PRESENTATION

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**ALL: THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT,
JUST AS WE WERE CALLED
TO THE ONE HOPE OF OUR CALLING.**

One: In baptism, Michael Jones was clothed with Christ,
and is now called by God through the voice of the church
to enter into a ministry of service,
announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

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QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept Mike Jones as deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

ALL: WE DO.

One: Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

ALL: WE DO.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

One: Michael, you are now a deacon in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

ALL: WELCOME TO THIS MINISTRY.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

King of Glory

Eric Thiman

Chancel Choir

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise Thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Chancel Choir

Peter Lutkin

*SENDING IN PEACE

One: As you go out today, wherever God leads you,
share God's peace with all you meet.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

POSTLUDE

In Christ There Is No East or West
Jeffrey DeVault, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today. Our sanctuary is open for in-person worship each Sunday at 10:00am; doors open at 9:40am. We have developed guidelines for your safety, including social distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and collecting contact tracing information. For a complete list of these guidelines, visit www.concordpc.org. For those who are not yet ready or able to attend our service in person, a live-streamed/recorded option continues to be made available on our website.

The flowers today are donated by Dottie Harding in celebration of Anne's birthday, in thanks for grandson Porter's and daughter Libby's recovery from Covid, and in remembrance of Richard on our 40th wedding anniversary.

Additional flowers today are given to the glory of God by Alice Klippel in loving memory of Robert F. Klippel.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Steve Studer

Liturgist: Raven Studer

Livestream Team: Bob Brown, John Barineau, Carol Haas, Melanie Slezak

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

Christ Be Beside Me

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1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.



Disney Original movie...

LUCA

(rated PG)

Saturday, October 16 at 7:00pm
in the Concord Church parking lot.

POPCORN provided! 😊

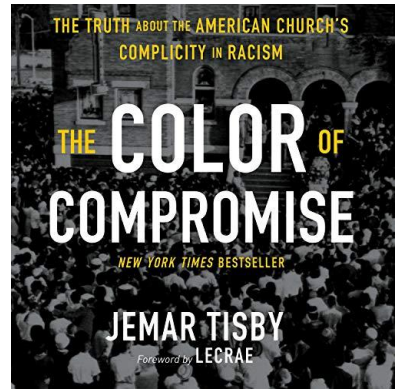
Bring lawn chairs, blankets, etc.

Social distancing required.

**THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE:
THE TRUTH ABOUT THE AMERICAN
CHURCH'S COMPLICITY IN RACISM**

7:00-8:00pm Mondays
(Zoom and recorded)

September 20 – November 15



Drawing on Jemar Tisby's book of the same name, this video-based nine-session series provides a unique survey of American Christianity's racial past, revealing the ways people of faith have worked against racial justice, as well as the complicit silence of racial moderates. We will look at tragic and often-ignored aspects of our past and suggests ways to foster a more just future among God's people. **Every session will be recorded and posted on our Concord website** for those not able to connect with the live Zoom conversations.

Click [here](#) or see *Concord Connects* for the link to join the class online.

Note: This is a different link than our weekly Mug & Muffin meetings.

J.A.M. Session



(Jesus and Me!)

- Happening **outside*** each Sunday morning from 10:00-10:45am.
- Adults and youth helpers will lead the children in **Bible stories** and **fun activities!**
- Parents may attend J.A.M. with their children or participate in the regular worship service inside the sanctuary.

* *If it rains, or as the weather gets colder, we will utilize the Chapel with all windows open and masks required.*



Mug & Muffin Bible Study – Weds. @ 10:00am via Zoom: Join Pastor Steve Clark for a thought-provoking discussion of the text for Sunday morning's sermon using the link in *Concord Connects*.

Nominating Committee is asking for your help! As they begin their work of discerning Concord members who might serve as Elders and Deacons for the coming three-year term, you are invited to suggest names for them to consider. Elders serve as the spiritual and organizational leaders of the congregation; Deacons are partners with Pastors Steve and Kathie in providing care and support to congregation members. **To suggest names for the Committee to consider** (including your own if you feel the Lord may be leading you that way), **email Pastor Steve** (steve.clark@concordpc.org).



Chancel Flowers: Donating the flower arrangement for the front of the sanctuary is a lovely way to honor or remember a family member or commemorate a special occasion. The last two Sundays in November are still available. If you are interested, please email [Gwen Fuller](mailto:Gwen.Fuller@concordpc.org) or contact the Church Office. The cost for a standard arrangement is \$35, and the dedication will appear in the bulletin and during the livestream of the service.

Show your "radical hospitality" to others by serving as a **Greeter on Sunday mornings**. No meetings, no long-term commitment, and no special skills required! All you need is to arrive at 9:30am with your smiling eyes (since the mask will cover your beautiful smile), gather contact information, and distribute bulletins and masks as needed. Please help welcome and assist others; sign up [here](#) or call the Church Office. It's great to see old friends and welcome new ones!



The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received throughout the month of October. Concord's portion of the offering will benefit the Seamen's Center of Wilmington, helping meet the needs of seafarers from around the world who visit the Port of Wilmington and offering a respite from the loneliness, isolation, and hazards of the sea.

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