



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

PREPARATION

June 13, 2021

The 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Becoming more holy does not mean that you become ethereal, ghostly, and detached from the storms of life. It means you are becoming a wiser human being. You are learning how to deal well with your money, your sexuality, your job. You are becoming a better friend and family member. When you talk, your words communicate more good sense, more gravitas, more joy, more reality. You are learning to pray honestly, bringing who God really is to the reality of human need.”

—DAVID POWLISON

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord God, the unfailing helper and guide of those whom you bring up in your steadfast love, keep us, we pray, under the protection of your good providence, and give us a perpetual reverence and love for your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

PSALM: Psalm 20

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Central Youth Orchestra

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Dawn Rogers · Eric Wyse

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer, and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace,
Our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own.
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Chorus*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 37

LEADER Trust in the LORD, and do good;

PEOPLE Dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

LEADER Delight yourself in the LORD,

PEOPLE And he will give you the desires of your heart.

LEADER The steps of a man are established by the LORD,

PEOPLE When he delights in his way;

LEADER Though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,

PEOPLE For the LORD upholds his hand.

HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi · David Crowder · Arr. Dan Galbraith

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice, and with us sing;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Father, do not consider what we have done against you, but what our Savior has done for us. Do not consider what we have made of ourselves, but what He is making of us for you, our God. May Christ be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. May his precious blood cleanse us from all our sins, and may your Holy Spirit renew and sanctify us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

1 Corinthians 1:28-30

God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

LEADER Hear and receive the good news of the gospel:
 in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LEADER The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL **And also with you.**

HYMN

O Praise the Name

Dean Usher · Marty Sampson · Benjamin Hastings

I cast my mind to Calvary,
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.
My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,
Messiah still and all alone.

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God!
O praise His Name forever more!
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
O Lord, O Lord our God!*

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of Heaven rose again.
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King! *Chorus*

He shall return in robes of white,
The Blazing Son shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. *Chorus*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lucia Pope Madsen **10:00 AM**

Daughter of Stephen and Laura Madsen

Redmond Juchan Kim Biggs **11:30 AM**

Son of Ryan Biggs and Elizabeth Kim

Baptismal Vows

- 1 Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2 Do you claim God's covenant promises on his/her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for your child's salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3 Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him/her a godly example, that you will pray with and for him/her, that you will teach him/her the truths of the Christian faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring your child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow

- 1 Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Build Your Church

Naomi Raine · Alton Eugene

On Christ alone
Our Chief Cornerstone
No other foundation
Can we build upon
Not philosophy
Nor the wisdom of man
All other ground
Is sinking sand

*Upon this Rock
You build Your Church
And the gates of hell
Will not prevail
When we bind and loose
We proclaim Your truth
And in Jesus' Name, we will not fail*

Crucified
Raised up from the dead
Led captivity captive
It is finished
He gave us the keys
His authority
Now we are joint-heirs
To the praise of His glory *Chorus*

Build Your Church
Build it from the ground up
It's Your Church

THE DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 2:20

²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

SERMON

How to Be Human (Again) | Devoted

Rev. Jason Harris

THE THANKSGIVING

LEADER

Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE

We lift them up to the Lord.

LEADER

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE

**It is right to give him thanks and
praise.**

LEADER

It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that
we should at all times and in all places
give thanks to you, Lord, holy Father,
Almighty and Everlasting God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus Christ, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I acknowledge that you are so holy and I am so sinful that you had to die for me. Yet you are so merciful and I am so loved that you were willing to die for me. I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what I have done and by what I have failed to do. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, I know that if I do not love you with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength, I shall love something else with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. Grant that by loving you first I may be liberated from all lesser loves and loyalties and have you as my first love, my chief good, and my final joy. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

Who You Say I Am

Brooke Ligertwood · Michael Guy Chislett

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in; oh, His love for me!
Oh, His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!
I'm a child of God! Yes, I am!*

Free at last, He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes, He died for me.

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!
I'm a child of God! Yes, I am!
In my Father's house is a place for me;
I'm a child of God! Yes, I am!*

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am!
You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am!
I am who You say I am *Chorus*

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

LEADER Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Who You Say I Am (reprise)
Central Church Chamber Ensemble