



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

PREPARATION

June 27, 2021

The 5th Sunday After Pentecost

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Exhortations to be holy are always derived from an exposition of what God has done and provided for us in Christ and through the gift of the Spirit. Indicatives are always the foundation for imperatives even if they appear in the reverse order. God never throws us back to rely upon ourselves and our own resources. He encourages us rather to grow up as Christians by digging down ever more deeply into the riches of his grace in Jesus Christ.”

—SINCLAIR FERGUSON

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, so that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father; for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

THE COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

PSALM: Psalm 130

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Love's Redeeming Work is Done

Charles Wesley · Alex Mejias

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won.
Death in vain forbids Him rise,
Christ has opened paradise.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King,
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save,
Where thy victory, O grave?
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Ezekiel 36

LEADER I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

PEOPLE I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

LEADER I will put my Spirit within you,

PEOPLE And I will cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

HYMN

How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)

Charles H. Gabriel · Chris Tomlin · Arr. John Wasson

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*Singin' how marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone. *Chorus*

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me. *Chorus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we ask for your forgiveness and receive it with joyful hearts. Renew our minds so that we may discern what is good. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may be your witnesses in the world. Comfort our hearts so that we may know that we have complete redemption by your grace alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

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

Jesus, Son of God

Chris Tomlin

You came down from heaven's throne,
This earth You formed was not Your home,
A love like this, the world had never known.
A crown of thorns to mock your name—
Forgiveness fell upon Your face:
A love like this, the world had never known.

*On the altar of our praise,
Let there be no higher name:
Jesus, Son of God!
You laid down Your perfect life,
You are the sacrifice,
Jesus, Son of God.
You are Jesus, Son of God!*

You took our sin,
You bore our shame,
You rose to life,
You defeated the grave,
A love like this, the world has never known! *Chorus*

Be lifted higher
Than all You've overcome.
Your name be louder
Than any other song.
There is no power
That can come against Your love.
The cross was enough!
The cross was enough! *Chorus*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 10:00 AM

Lily Marion Miracola

Daughter of Dan and Hannah Miracola

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 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 her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach 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?

Membership Vows

- 1 Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in God's sight and without hope for your salvation except through his sovereign mercy?
- 2 Do you believe in the Lord Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- 3 Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
- 4 Do you promise to serve Christ and His church by supporting this congregation in its worship of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?
- 5 Do you promise to accept the spiritual guidance of the church, to walk in a spirit of Christian love with this congregation, and to seek those things that make for unity, purity and peace?

Congregational Vow

Will you, the members of this congregation and witnesses of these vows, acting on behalf of yourself and as representatives of the whole body of Christ, do everything within your power to encourage these new members to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

TESTIMONY OF GOD'S WORK

Maria Long and Anabel Witzke

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

You Say

Lauren Daigle

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
And You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me
I believe*

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity *Chorus*

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at your feet
You have every failure God, You have every victory *Chorus*

THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth LM

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

Colossians 3:5-14

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

SERMON

How to Be Human (Again) | Fight

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

King of Kings

Geoff Bullock

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father.

Praise the Son.

Praise the Spirit Three in One.

God of glory, Majesty

Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost.
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.

For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died. *Chorus*

And the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath.
Till that stone was moved for good
For the lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free.
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me. *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

King of Kings (reprise)

Central Church Chamber Ensemble