



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

PREPARATION

July 11th, 2021

The 7th Sunday After Pentecost

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Paul is, of course, concerned for the individual behavior of every single Christian. But, even greater than this, he is concerned for the well-being of the community as a whole... The point of the new clothes which the Christian must put on is that the new life is about unity, about the whole community coming together in love.”

—N. T. WRIGHT

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our Father, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass man’s understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

PSALM: Psalm 24

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel J. Stone · Samuel S. Wesley

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34

LEADER I will bless the LORD at all times;

PEOPLE His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

LEADER My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

PEOPLE Let the humble hear and be glad.

LEADER Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

PEOPLE And let us exalt his name together!

HYMN

This is My Father's World

Franklin Sheppard

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings and 'round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought,
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hand, the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their Master's praise.
This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair,
In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget,
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done.
Jesus, Who died, shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heaven be one.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language, but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the scattered to do your work, that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity. Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Acts 26:17-18

Jesus said: I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

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

Speak, O Lord

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,

And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

SPECIAL MUSIC 10:00 AM

Vacation Bible School Shining Stars

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS,
DEACONS, AND TRUSTEES 11:30 AM**

Ordination Vows

1. Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?
2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
4. Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will on your own initiative make known to your Church Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
5. Do you affirm and adopt the “Essentials of Our Faith” without exception?

6. Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?
7. Do you promise subjection to your fellow officers in the Lord?
8. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of Ruling Elder, Trustee, or Deacon from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
9. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account?
10. Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as Ruling Elder, Trustee, or Deacon, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this congregation of which God will make you an officer?
11. Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this congregation as a Ruling Elder, Trustee, or Deacon, and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the Grace of God, in such a way that the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed?

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Faithful to the End

Shane & Shane

We're heaven-spun creations
His pride and adoration
Treasures woven by His love
His careful hands, they hold us
Safe within His promise
Of calling and of destiny

*And I will sing of all You've done
And I'll remember how far You've carried me
From beginning till the end
You are faithful, faithful to the end*

A Father's heart that's for me
A never-ending story
Of love that's always chasing me
And His kindness overwhelming
And hope for me unending
He's never given up on me *Chorus*

There wasn't a day that You weren't by my side
There wasn't a day that You let me fall
And all of my life your love has been true
And with all of my life, I will worship You

I will worship You as You're faithful
I will worship You, ooh, I will worship
Lift my voice in praise and honor
Oh, surely Your goodness and mercy follow me
Oh, You will follow me

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 3:9-17

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. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SERMON

How to Be Human (Again) | Together

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

What a Beautiful Name

Ben Fielding · Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful Name it is; nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want Heaven without us,
So Jesus, You, brought Heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater;
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a wonderful Name it is; nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You; the veil tore before You.

You silenced the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,

For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival; You have no equal.

Now and forever, God You reign.

Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory;

Yours is the Name, above all names.

What a powerful Name it is,

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a powerful Name it is; nothing can stand against.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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

Cornerstone (reprise)

Central Church Chamber Ensemble