



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

PREPARATION

July 25th, 2021

The 9th Sunday After Pentecost

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Social media have become so deeply woven into the fabric of our lives that they are beginning to shape our identities. Facebook, Twitter, and other platforms allow us to present different versions of ourselves; monitor how other people react to them with unprecedented speed and efficiency; and revise our identities accordingly.”

—CHRIS BAIL, *BREAKING THE SOCIAL MEDIA PRISM*

“We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ... The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us.”

—DIETRICH BONHOEFFER, *LIFE TOGETHER*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose never-failing providence governs all things in heaven and earth: we humbly ask you to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us whatever may be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

PSALM: Psalm 14

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley · Rowland Hugh Prichard

Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all Compassion, pure, unbounded Love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, 'til in Heav'n we take our place,
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and
praise.

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24

LEADER The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

PEOPLE **Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?**

LEADER The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

PEOPLE **They will receive a blessing from the LORD and vindication from God the Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.**

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

Holy Father, you have sent the Lord Jesus Christ that we may have life, and have it to the full. Your grace and mercy empowers righteous living and enlivens resurrection hope. But we confess that we are quick to step away from your redemptive care, into an echo chamber of our conceit and confusion. Forgive us, Lord, for our soft idolatry and mixed devotion. Turn our hearts and minds to all that is true, and righteous, and beautiful, and restore in us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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

Resurrecting

Christopher Brown · Wade Joye · Steven Furtick Matthews · Thabo Ntele

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now.
The Savior knelt to wash our feet,
Now at His feet we bow.

The One who wore our sin and shame,
Now robed in majesty;
The radiance of perfect love
Now shines for all to see.

*Your Name, Your Name is victory!
All praise, will rise to Christ, our King!*

The fear that held us now gives way
To Him who is our peace.
His final breath upon the cross
Is now alive in me. *Chorus*

By Your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat;
The resurrected King, is resurrecting me!
In Your name I come alive to declare Your victory;
The resurrected King, is resurrecting me!

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
Was borrowed for three days.
His body there would not remain:
Our God has robbed the grave!
Our God has robbed the grave! *Chorus*

By Your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat;
The resurrected King, is resurrecting me!
In Your name I come alive to declare Your victory;
The resurrected King, is resurrecting me!

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We regularly pray for needs in our congregation, our neighborhood and city, and the world. Please let the prayer ministry know of your prayer requests by visiting centralchurchnyc.org/prayerrequest.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Christ is Mine Forevermore

Jonny Robinson · Rich Thompson

Mine are days that God has numbered,
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure,
And forsake the King of kings.

But mine is hope in my Redeemer,
Though I fall, his love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
Darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel,
Where I see no earthly good.

But mine is peace that flows from heaven,
And the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted,
Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,
Pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter,
Harm and hatred for his name.

But mine is armour for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war.
And he has said he will deliver,
Safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city,
Where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul.
For his love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure,
Christ is mine forevermore.

And mine are keys to Zion city,
Where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.
Christ is mine forevermore.
Christ is mine forevermore!

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

Psalm 16:1-11 (NIV)

¹Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.” ³I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.” ⁴Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

⁵Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. ⁷I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. ⁸I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, ¹⁰because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. ¹¹You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

SERMON

Living the Resurrection

Rev. Doug Webster

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

All to Us

Chris Tomlin · Jesse Reeves · Matt Redman · Matt Maher

Precious Cornerstone, sure Foundation,
You are faithful to the end.
We are waiting on You, Jesus.
We believe You're all to us.

*Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.
We believe You're all to us.*

Only Son of God sent from Heaven,
Hope and mercy at the cross.
You are everything, You're the Promise.
Jesus, You are all to us. *Chorus*

You're all to us, You're all to us,
You're all to us, yes, You are.

When this passing world is made new,
We will see You face to face,
And forever we will worship.
Jesus, You are all to us! *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

All to Us (reprise)

Central Church Chamber Ensemble