



CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

# PREPARATION

**October 24, 2021**

**The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost**

## WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“What matters most about the church, Paul insists, is that as God’s field its growth is caused by God himself, as God’s building its only foundation is Jesus Christ, and as God’s temple it is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. This is the apostle’s comprehensive vision of the church. It owes its existence and growth to God the Father. It is built on the foundation of God the Son. It is indwelt by God the Holy Spirit. It is a unique, trinitarian community. There is no other community in the world that even remotely resembles it.”

—JOHN STOTT

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS

FIRST READING: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

PSALM: Psalm 126

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

### The Church's One Foundation

Samuel J. Stone · Samuel S. Wesley · Brian Moss

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 118

LEADER The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**PEOPLE The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

LEADER This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**PEOPLE This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

# HYMN

## How Firm a Foundation

Traditional American

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.  
What more can He say, than to you He hath said;  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, oh be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to His foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### Acts 4:11-12

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

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

### Lift High the Name of Jesus

Ed Cash · Fionan Debarra · Keith Getty · Kristyn Getty

Lift high the name of Jesus,  
Of Jesus our King.  
Make known the power of His grace,  
The beauty of His peace.  
Remember how His mercy reached  
And we cried out to Him.  
He lifted us to solid ground,  
To freedom from our sin.

*Oh sing my soul,  
And tell all He's done,  
Till the earth and heavens  
Are filled with His glory!*

Lift high the name of Jesus,  
Of Jesus our Lord.  
His power in us is greater than,  
Is greater than this world.  
To share the reason for our hope,  
To serve with love and grace,  
That all who see Him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise. *Chorus*

Lift high the name of Jesus,  
Of Jesus our Light.  
No other name on earth can save,  
Can raise a soul to life.  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest He has grown.  
We labor in His fields of grace  
As He leads sinners home. *Chorus*

## 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.

# SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *10 AM SERVICE*

Grant Hudson Baumann

Son of Gregory and Madison Baumann

## **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 behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for Grant'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 a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the truths of the Christian faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring Grant up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

## **Congregational Vow**

- 1 Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting Gregory and Madison in the Christian nurture of their child?

# SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *11:30 AM SERVICE*

Hayden Emily McKee

Daughter of Austin and Mary-Catherine McKee

## **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 Hayden'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 Hayden up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

## **Congregational Vow**

- 1 Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting Austin and Mary-Catherine in the Christian nurture of their child?

## PRAYER WITH CHILDREN

*All preschool and elementary age children are invited to the front of the church and will be dismissed to Children's Church with their teachers where they will read, sing, learn, and play in an environment suited to their language and style. Alternatively, children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary to worship alongside the adults for the duration of the service.*

## OFFERING

*If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. For members and regular attenders of Central, give generously as you are able. We give because all we have has been graciously given to us by God. Our offerings express our joyful dependence upon God and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal.*

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## OFFERTORY HYMN

### I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

Keith Getty · Jordan Kauflin · Matt Merker · Stuart Townend

*Rachael Anacker, Soloist*

Lord, from the depths I call to you.  
Lord, hear me from on high,  
And give attention to my voice,  
When I for mercy cry.

Out of the depths I cry to you.  
In darkest places I will call.  
Incline Your ear to me anew,  
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways,  
How could I come before Your throne.  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze.  
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You.*

*I will wait for You.*

*On Your word, I will rely.*

*I will wait for You.*

*Surely wait for You.*

*Till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone.  
Take courage in His power to save.  
Completely and forever won,  
By Christ emerging from the grave.     *Chorus*

Now He has come to make a way,  
And God Himself has paid the price.  
That all who trust in Him today,  
Find healing in His sacrifice.

*I will wait for You.*

*I will wait for You.*

*Through the storm and through the night,*

*I will wait for You.*

*Surely wait for You.*

*For Your love is my delight.*

I pray my soul waits for the Lord.  
My hope is in His word.  
More than the watchman waits for dawn,  
My soul waits for the Lord.

## 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

### 1 Corinthians 3:5-15

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup>For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—<sup>13</sup>each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. <sup>14</sup>If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup>If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

## SERMON

### The Church The World Needs | Just the Help

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

### Cornerstone

Jonathan Lindley · Adam Palmer · Stephanie Kulla

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord,  
Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found!  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne! *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

**Cornerstone (reprise)**

Central Church Chamber Ensemble