



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION

July 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Christ himself takes on the dignity of dependence. He is born a baby, totally dependent on the care of his mother. He needs to be fed, he needs his bottom to be wiped, he needs to be propped up when he rolls over. And yet he never loses his divine dignity. And at the end, on the cross, he again becomes totally dependent, limbs pierced and stretched, unable to move. So in the person of Christ we learn that dependence does not, cannot, deprive a person of their dignity, of their supreme worth. And if dependence was appropriate for the God of the universe, it is certainly appropriate for us.”

— JOHN STOTT

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Graciously hear us, Lord God; and grant that we, to whom you have given an earnest desire to pray, may by your mighty aid be defended and strengthened in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-14

PSALM: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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PRELUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Edward Pertonet · Oliver Holden

All Hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng,
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Proverbs 3:5-6

LEADER Trust in the LORD with all your heart,

PEOPLE And do not lean on your own understanding.

LEADER In all your ways acknowledge him,

PEOPLE And he will make straight your paths.

LEADER Be not wise in your own eyes;

PEOPLE Fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

LEADER It will be healing to your flesh

PEOPLE And refreshment to your bones.

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Elizabeth C. Clephane · Chris Miner

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
I fain would take my stand.
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,
Mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me.
And from my stricken heart,
With tears, two wonders I confess:
The wonders of His glorious love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of His face.
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self, my only shame;
My glory, all the cross.!

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Romans 10:12-13

For the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will 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

The Power of the Cross

Keith Getty · Stuart Townend · Arr. Dan Galbraith

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross.
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. *Chorus*

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry. *Chorus*

Oh, to see my name written in Your wounds,
For through Your suffering, I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross.
Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was
made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We regularly pray for needs in our congregation, our neighborhood and city, and the world. Please submit prayer requests to centralchurchnyc.org/prayerrequest.

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

Lord, I Believe In You

Tommy Walker · Crystal Lewis

Rebecca Rosado, soloist

Though I can't see your Holy Face,
And Your throne in Heaven above,
It seems so far away.
Though I can't touch,
Can't touch, your nail scarred hands,
I have a deep unspeakable joy
That makes my faith to stand.

Lord, I believe in You.
I always believe in You.
Though I can't see You with my eyes,
Deep in my heart, Your presence I find.
Lord, I believe in you,
And I'll keep my trust in You.
Let this whole world say what they may.
No one can take this joy away.
Lord, I believe!

Enviado del cielo, eres aquel escogido por Dios.
Sent from heaven, you are the one chosen by God.
Eres el unico y cierto camino hasta su corazón.
You are the one and only way to his heart.
Moriste en la cruz, resucitaste y hoy vives en mi.
You died on the cross, you resurrected and today you live in me.
Venciste al pecado y la muerte y ahora soy libre al fin!
You defeated sin and death and now I am free at last!

Cristo, yo creo en tí.
Lord, I believe in you.
Yo siempre creeré en tí.
I'll always believe in you.
Aunque no pueda verte Señor,
Even though I can't see you Lord,
Eres real en mi corazón.
You are real in my heart.

Cristo yo creo en tí.
Lord I believe in you.
Yo siempre creeré en tí.
I'll always believe in you.
Aunque se llegue el mundo a creer,
Let this whole world say what they may,
No dejaré mi gozo a perder.
No one can take this joy away.

Lord I believe!

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

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

The passage can be found on page 970 of the pew Bible.

⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

SERMON

The Marks of a Disciple | Dependence

Rev. Tim Price

Rev. Price's bio can be found on page 18 of the bulletin.

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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this, your Table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but solely in your great mercy. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table, but you are the same Lord who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore gracious Lord, that we who now receive these gifts of bread and wine, according to our Savior's Word, may share in the body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that we may dwell in him forever and he in us. Amen.

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.

Communion is served with wine and gluten-free bread. Individually wrapped wafers and grape juice are available at each station.

COMMUNION HYMN

Awakening

Chris Tomlin

In our hearts, Lord, in this nation, awakening,
Holy Spirit, we desire awakening.

*For You and You alone,
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing!
For the world You love,
Your will be done, let Your will be done in me.*

In Your presence, in Your power, awakening,
For this moment, in this hour, awakening. *Chorus*

Like the rising sun that shines,
From the darkness comes a light,
I hear Your voice and this is my awakening.

Like the rising sun that shines,
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.
From the darkness comes a light,
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.
Like the rising sun that shines,
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.
Only You can raise a life,
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.

In our hearts, Lord, in our minds, awakening.

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.

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

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