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ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PREPARATION

**September 11, 2022**

**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

### WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“In our age of heightened expectations, many Americans fear that their children’s lives will be less free, less prosperous, or less fulfilling than their own, a fear that is shared by the young people themselves. Like their forebears, our youth still harbor desires for a worthy life. They still hope to find meaning in their lives and to live a life that makes sense. But they are increasingly confused about what a worthy life might look like, and about how they might be able to live one.”

—LEON KASS

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, it is by your gift alone that your faithful people offer you true and acceptable service; Grant that we may so run to you and faithfully serve you in this life that we fail not finally to obtain your heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14

PSALM: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

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## PRELUDE

### **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!

## WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

### Psalm 16

LEADER I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

**PEOPLE In the night also my heart instructs me.**

LEADER I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand,

**PEOPLE I shall not be shaken.**

LEADER You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;

**PEOPLE At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## HYMN

### How Great is Our God

Chris Tomlin · Jesse Reeves · Ed Cash

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice—all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, and all will see.  
How great—how great is our God.*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the End—Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb—the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing, how great is our God.  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing, how great is our God. *Chorus*

## **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 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### Psalm 100:5

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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 Messiah

Chris Tomlin · Daniel Carson · Ed Cash · Jesse Reeves

He became sin, who knew no sin,  
That we might become His righteousness.  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross;  
Love so amazing!  
Love so amazing!

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven;  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, His blood the wine,  
Broken and poured out all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing!  
Love so amazing! *Chorus*

All our hope is in You; all our hope is in You!  
All the glory to you, God,  
The light of the world. *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.

## 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.*

## WELCOMING THE BABU FAMILY

## 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](http://centralchurchnyc.org/prayerrequest).*

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## OFFERTORY HYMN

### Good To Me

Craig Musseau

I cry out  
For your hand of mercy to heal me.  
I am weak.  
I need your love to free me.  
O Lord, my rock,  
My strength in weakness,  
Come rescue me, oh Lord!

You are my hope.  
Your promise never fails me,  
And my desire  
Is to follow You forever.  
For You are good.  
For You are good.  
For You are good to me.  
For You are good.  
For You are good.  
For You are good to me.

## 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

### 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The passage can be found on page 238-239 of the pew Bible.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup>And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup>And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup>And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.”

<sup>11</sup>Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”<sup>12</sup>And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

## ***David and the Good Life | Identity***

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.

## 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

### Who You Say I Am

Brooke Ligertwood · Michael Guy Chislett

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in; oh, His love for me!  
Oh, His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!  
I'm a child of God! Yes, I am!*

Free at last, He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.  
Yes, He died for me.

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!  
I'm a child of God! Yes, I am!  
In my Father's house is a place for me;  
I'm a child of God! Yes, I am!*

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am!  
You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am!  
I am who You say I am! *Chorus*

## 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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