



Central Presbyterian Church

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8th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude *“Blessed Assurance”* Knapp

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Gracious God, You have made all of the peoples of the earth for Your glory. You invite us to serve You in freedom and in peace. In accordance with Your gracious will. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 24:1-6**

L: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

P: **for He has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place?

P: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

L: They will receive blessings from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

P: **Such is the company of those who seek Him, who seek the face of God of Jacob.**

***Hymn** *“Be Thou My Vision”* PH #339

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, life can be so complicated and so hard at times. There are many moments when we wonder how we are even going to make it through the day, much less do great things on behalf of Your Kingdom. Even on days we are ready to take a new step in serving You, often we don’t know where to start.

There are days we are certain of what we need to do to honor You, but as You know very well, “the Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak,” and so we give in to fear and procrastination. Forgive our limitations, and our distracted minds. By Your grace, lead us to a higher level of Christian Discipleship so that we might honor Your Son more consistently. Amen.

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory Be to the Father”* **PH #579**

Worship Enhancement Jan Costello

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading Mark 6:14-29

New Testament Reading/Sermon Text Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon *“Blessed in Christ!”* Pastor Ryan

***Hymn** *“Let All Things Now Living”* **PH #554**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – Adapted From 2 Timothy 2:8-13**

“We always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the good news. Many have suffered and have been chained through the generations because of this message, but the Word of God cannot be chained. By God’s grace, we will endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen. This is a trustworthy saying: ‘If we die with Him, we will also live with Him. If we endure hardship, we will reign with Him. If we deny Him, He will deny us. If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny who he is.’”

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory *"'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* Weston

***Doxology** **PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn** *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* **PH #404**

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude *"Hymn to Joy"* Ritter

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher:

Camilla Long

Liturgist:

Jan Costello

Piano:

Emma Lou Denton

****Please stand, if able***

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