

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Prelude - Processional on "Westminster Abbey" - Sir David Willcocks

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Invocation

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Opening Hymn No. 559 - Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 106:1-7a (Sung response)

Praise the Lord!

**O give thanks to the Lord who is good;
whose steadfast love endures for ever!**

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or show forth all God's praise?

**Blessed are they who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times!**

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help me when you deliver them.

**that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory with your heritage.**

Both we and our forebears have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

**Our forbears, when they were in Egypt,
did not consider your wonderful works.**

they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,
but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem - *This Do in Remembrance of Me* - Judy Hunnicutt

Sermon - *Death and Memory*

Pastor Jon Priebe

Hymn of Response No. 488** - *Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Apostles' Creed**

We 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; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We 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.

Gloria Patri (Hymnal No. 70)

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - Adoration - Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

Invitation

... and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us., as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn No. 632** - Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together
Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather

In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve Thee faithfully.

Benediction and Choral Response** - (Hymn No. 666)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude - Exultation - Charles Callahan



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

In memory of Becky Asher by Shirley Asher and Family;
In honor of Bill and Jane Blackham by Delores Marefka.

Liturgist: Bryan Van Sweringen

Service Music: Summer Choir

Music: One License A-731491

****Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available by signing up at the Welcome Center.**

CHURCH NOTES

Blessing of the Backpacks: Bring your backpacks, iPads, tablets, or any other items to church on Sunday, August 21! As fall begins and children and teachers return to school, a flood of mixed emotions fills our

hearts. Relief and gratitude from parents, apprehension and anxiety for students entering new rooms with new things to learn from new teachers, hope for positive outcomes, even concerns for the safety of our teachers and students. Where better to take all these mixed emotions than to God in worship and prayer!

Leader Training: On Sunday, August 14, from 10:30 am to noon we will have training for all ushers, greeters, welcome center folks, those who serve on the Finance, Missions, Access, PPR, Trustees and in any other ministries/committees of the church that don't involve teaching. Then on Sunday, August 21, from 10:30 am to noon we will have training for all those who will be serving in the teaching ministries of our church. That will be followed with a safe sanctuary training for those who need to take or retake it. Please make every attempt to attend.

Classes Being Offered: Registration is open for the following classes in the fall:

Disciple Like Jesus	Sundays from 9:30 to 10:45 am
Ministry By Strengths	Sundays from 5:45 to 7 pm
Financial Peace	Sundays from 4 to 6 pm

These classes all begin on Sunday, September 11. Childcare is available upon request at sign up for the evening classes. For more information, please contact Pastor Karol at Ext. 218.

Youth Activities: Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in our youth group and Epworth Choir. The fun begins on Sunday, August 28 with choir rehearsal and a family meeting at 4 pm followed by a snack supper and "messy games." There will be a meeting for Confirmation students and their families on Sunday, September 11, at 9:45. Please contact Jen McKenna at epworthyouth2@gmail.com for more information.

Family Promise: Glendora House Food Bank needs our help each and every month. We are committed to send peanut butter, jelly of all flavors, ramen noodles (not in cups) and Velveeta Shells and Cheese (not in cups) and our cupboards are getting bare. If you are able to help, please put your donations in the Family Promise bin by the church library. Glendora House holds up to 46 people max (10 families) so the need is great.

Habitat for Humanity: First Church will again participate in building a home with Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. The home will be built in Cuyahoga Falls on Germaine St. We are able to have 7 volunteers on each of our volunteer dates which are: September 7, October 8, November 5, and December 17. Habitat requires that all volunteers be 18 to be at a job site. If you are interested in participating in this mission, please contact Kim Kerr at 330-606-7736 or email her at kdk3rr@gmail.com with your name, phone number, email address and t-shirt size.

Financial Report:

	June	Year to date
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>
Actual	\$46,723	\$414,854
Budget	\$47,890	\$432,898
Over/(Under)	(\$1,167)	(\$18,044)

Next Steps

Never Forgotten

Psalm 106:4 – the Psalms often make a plea for God to remember us

There is a connection between remembering someone and life after death

Ballads and poems recall the greatness of some who've gone before us

Re-member

The sacrament of communion is an act of both memory and reconnection

Luke 23:42 – our hope is not to be remembered for great deeds, but in Christ alone

Questions for Reflection: The second criminal on the cross had no ground on which to stand to qualify for

Jesus's mercy. He had committed some crime. He had no chance to atone for what he had done through

offerings and sacrifices at the temple. His only hope was that Jesus would remember him and be merciful.

What or whom do I place my trust in? When I get to heaven, what might I say if I'm asked what I'm

doing there? As Pastor Alistair Begg speculates, perhaps the only reasonable answer will be, "The man on

the middle cross has said I could be here."

Questions for Discussion: Describe a time of worship when you felt connected to Christ or to the Body of

Christ, your sisters and brothers in the Church, through participation in the sacrament of communion.

Memory Verse: Psalm 106:4 – "Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me

when you deliver them."

Readings for this Week: Psalm 109, Luke 23:32-43, Psalm 45:16-17

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