



Christ
Presbyterian
Church

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, July 24, 2021

5:00pm

Sunday, July 25, 2021

11:00am

Welcome

We're glad you're with us today. Whether you're a regular part of our church family or are attending a service for the first time, we hope that your time with us will edify and encourage you.

Please silence your mobile devices as we prepare for holy worship.

Reflection

Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.

– Michael Jordan

Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

– Andrew Carnegie

So we built the wall for the people had a mind to work.

– Nehemiah 4:6

Call to Worship – Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Leader: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,

All: Plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Leader: Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will heal you.

All: You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all of your heart.

Leader: I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations.

Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

All: 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 and ever. Amen.

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing, to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in

Chorus:

*Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age, our God is all in all

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Chorus:

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life, that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for, all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Confessional Reading – Psalm 127:1-2

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty, magnificent Creator, we stand in awe of your works and long to enter your rest.

All: Yet we our work so often stresses us and makes us anxious. We worry about tomorrow and do not rest well and our work suffers.

Leader: You call us to labor for your kingdom but our focus and anxiety remains centered upon our own kingdoms.

All: Forgive us, gracious Father, restore our proper work and rest. We pray this in the blessed name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement — Isaiah 49:5-6

And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Jesus Cast a Look on Me

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

Congregational Prayer – Ayoko Haroun

Children's Recessional

Sermon – Every-Member Ministry

Scripture Reading – Nehemiah 3:1-32

¹ Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. ² And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

³ The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. ⁴ And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. ⁵ And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord.

⁶ Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Gate of Yeshanah. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. ⁷ And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, the seat of the governor of the province Beyond the River. ⁸ Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. ⁹ Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired. ¹⁰ Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired. ¹¹ Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. ¹² Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters.

¹³ Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

¹⁴ Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

¹⁵ And Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate. He rebuilt it and covered it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. And he built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the king's garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the city of David. ¹⁶ After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, repaired to a point opposite the tombs of David, as far as the artificial pool, and as far as the house of the mighty men. ¹⁷ After him the Levites repaired: Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, repaired for his district. ¹⁸ After him their brothers repaired: Bavvai the son of Henadad, ruler of half the district of Keilah. ¹⁹ Next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the buttress. ²⁰ After him Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired another section from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. ²¹ After him Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired another section from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib. ²² After him the priests, the men of the surrounding area, repaired. ²³ After them

Benjamin and Hasshub repaired opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah repaired beside his own house. ²⁴ After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the buttress and to the corner. ²⁵ Palal the son of Uzai repaired opposite the buttress and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king at the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh ²⁶ and the temple servants living on Ophel repaired to a point opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower. ²⁷ After him the Tekoites repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel.

²⁸ Above the Horse Gate the priests repaired, each one opposite his own house. ²⁹ After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired opposite his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired. ³⁰ After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired opposite his chamber. ³¹ After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper chamber of the corner. ³² And between the upper chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.

Outline:

1. The every-member ministry of Nehemiah's day
2. The template this provides for our day
3. The One who creates every-member ministry

Figure A.

This is the basis for what Bible teachers today call "an every-member ministry." It means that ministers in the churches are to prepare the people in the churches to do the churches' work. That is, clergy are to teach the laity, and the laity are to do the work of serving each other and the world.

Unfortunately, many churches have it completely turned around. It is said that today the churches resemble more than anything else a football game played in a large stadium. There are eighty thousand spectators in the stands who badly need some exercise, and there are twenty-two men on the field who badly need a rest.

James Montgomery Boice, *Nehemiah: An Expository Commentary* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1990) p. 47

Figure B.

Topic: Congregational Prayer

Time: Sunday, Jul 25, 2021 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84063360498?pwd=YOVVcU5jOW5sTy9iWEJYZXdLTTBNUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 6336 0498

Passcode: 802406

Figure C.

Topic: Congregational Prayer

Time: Wednesday, Jul 28, 2021 06:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522555184?pwd=REQrSHc3eGpBcktQKzlrNkRnQW1lQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 2255 5184

Passcode: 162060

Figure D.

Colossians 1:29 I toil to present everyone mature in Christ, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. Baptized children are welcome to receive Communion after they profess faith and are received as communicant members. If you are not able to receive Communion, please speak with Pastor Matt after the service to learn how to receive Jesus Christ.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour, at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Appreciation for Jack and Cathie Stanton

Please extend thanks to Jack and Cathie for leading worship for us from July 3 to July 24. We look forward to them being with us again on August 14.

Debrief from the meeting with the Shady Grove Session

On Tuesday, July 20, our Elders met with Shady Grove's Elders for two hours to discuss the possibility of a merger. As the next step in the discussion, Shady Grove asked us to provide them with some of our conditions or 'non-negotiables' which would preclude a merger. In these beginning stages, both churches need to weigh if a merger is even possible, let alone advisable.

Food Pantry Service on Monday, July 26 from 7-9pm

(This event is full.)

Food Pantry Service in the next two weeks

The food pantry director, Jennifer Renkema, emailed us saying, "We are heading into the part of summer when a lot of people take vacations. If you are able to volunteer in the next two weeks, please sign up as soon as possible. As of now, only a few people are signed up, so you have your choice of volunteer spots." If you would be open to serving in the next two weeks, then please consider the sign-up below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a48afa72fabfc1-july12>

Prayer for Japan, Wednesday, July 28, 8:00pm

The missionaries that we support in Japan, Andrew and Megan Narin, are organizing an online prayer gathering. The purpose is to pray for Japan as the world spotlight turns towards the nation for the Olympic Games. To register for the prayer meeting, please follow this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvT0NeM_Gx7jlvrFFh4AplEutl82xOYKNgBQ7Mg26PNHkYhg/viewform

Upcoming Dates

The elders and deacons will gather to pray for everyone in the congregation on Thursday, August 12. Please submit your prayer requests to your shepherding elder prior to this date.

There is an event at Shady Grove on Saturday, August 7 at 7:00pm. Thus, we'll need to be clear of the building by 6:30pm. Danny Hurtado will minister the liturgy on that date and Ayayi Hillah will preach.

Youth Group will resume at the Roberts' home on Sundays from 5-7pm on August 15. On August 15, we'll have a celebration for Edwin Ranaivoarison as he soon matriculates to UMD.

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