



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, October 5, 2014
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Bless Us Now, Dear Lord, We Pray* Moore

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament
proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night
to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there
words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all
the earth, and their words to the end of the world

People: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #513** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us when we are blind to your presence in life.
Forgive us for failing to appreciate your goodness. Forgive us for
worshipping you with our lips while being far from you in our hearts.
Loving God, cleanse and renew us. Be with each of us day by day through
the risen presence of Jesus Christ. (Silent Prayer) We pray in Jesus'
name, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy") *Hymnal #572*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News!

People: **Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died
for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ
prays for us.**

Leader: I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: **Amen!**

***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #579*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *A Communion Invitation* Martin

Rose VonTungeln, Soloist

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG ONES

*Preschool-aged children may go to the nursery after the children's message. Children of
kindergarten age and above may remain in worship.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 20:1 - 4, 7 - 9, 12 - 20

EPISTLE READING Philipians 3:4b - 14

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33 - 46

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Second Helvetic Confession see insert

***HYMN #505** *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ

Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-46

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

A Communion Invitation

Come, if you are lonely,
My door is open wide.
All of you are welcome,
Come and step inside.
Enter with My blessing,
No one is denied.
Come, sit at My table,
Come, sit by My side.

Come, if you are thirsty,
I will pour the wine.
If you hunger, take this bread,
Sit with Me and dine.
Every weary traveler,
Every troubled soul,
Rest for just a moment
And leave the table whole.

The feast I spread before you,
The cup that we will share,
The bread we'll break together,
I've lovingly prepared.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2014

MEMBERS:

Logan Mosley
Laura Brown
Hester Insley
Marty Shell
Mary Wooten
Jo Weaver
Mary Kientz

Agnes Hughes
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Mildred Gaunt

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

The residents of Weed, California
Joshua Chambliss and family, nephew of Rose
and Suzy VonTungeln
Juliet Walker, sister of Bubba VonTungeln’s co-
worker
Judy and Larry Fetters, friends of Rose
VonTungeln
Rhett Lunningham, nephew of David Judkins
Ryker Cheek, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln
Kyle Brewton, acquaintance of Laura Cosner
Dad and Stepmom of Vance and Jennifer
Freeman, cousins of Amanda Chandler
Betty Seymore, aunt of Pat Drewett
Mary McBee, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Connie Johnson, daycare teacher of Langston
Cosner
Chris Cook, request of Laura Cosner
Johnny & Ginger McCaleb, son and daughter–law
of Donna McCaleb
Carolyn Stover, co-worker of Maggie Shell-
Howsen & friend of Central
Herman Nickolson, friend and coworker of Bubba
VonTungeln

Monica Milligan, mother-in-law of Michael
VonTungeln
Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill
Detmers
Terry & Nathan Bearden, request of Laura Cosner
Lou Ann Barker, niece of Frank Merritt
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Wanda Vining, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett
Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Joe Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Dan Loomis, former pastor
Matthew Stoddard, nephew of Amanda Chandler’s
co-worker
John Hensley, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce
Kristina Ward, friend of Amanda and Michael
Chandler
Judy Curry, Jo Weaver’s hairdresser
Ray Nitcher, friend of Jo Weaver
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles
Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Cane Hill Church, Cane Hill

Christian Educators and Youth Directors

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Second Helvetic Confession

GOD IS ONE. We believe and teach that God is one in essence or nature, subsisting in himself, all sufficient in himself, invisible, incorporeal, immense, eternal, Creator of all things both visible and invisible, the greatest good, living, quickening and preserving all things, omnipotent and supremely wise, kind and merciful, just and true. Truly we detest many gods because it is expressly written: "The Lord your God is one Lord" (Deut. 6:4). "I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:2-3). "I am the Lord, and there is no other god besides me. Am I not the Lord, and there is no other God beside me? A righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me" (Isa. 45:5, 21). "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex. 34:6).

GOD IS THREE. Notwithstanding, we believe and teach that the same immense, one and indivisible God is in person inseparably and without confusion, distinguished as Father, Son and Holy Spirit so, as the Father has begotten the Son from eternity, the Son is begotten by an ineffable generation, and the Holy Spirit truly proceeds from them both, and the same from eternity and is to be worshipped with both.

Thus there are not three gods, but three persons, consubstantial, coeternal, and coequal; distinct with respect to hypostases, and with respect to order, the one preceding the other yet without any inequality. For according to the nature or essence they are so joined together that they are one God, and the divine nature is common to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
The Second Helvetic Confession

Presbyterians are a "Confessing Church." We have adopted historic statements of faith such as "The Apostles Creed" and created others as a way of telling the world and reminding ourselves who we are, what we believe, and how we intend to live because of that. They do not take the place of the Bible and are intended to help us focus on the essentials of our faith made clear in the Bible. The Presbyterian Book of Confessions includes fourteen statements of faith, including familiar ones like "The Apostles Creed" and the "Longer" and "Shorter Catechisms."

The word "Helvetic" is Latin for "Swiss." In the 1500's the official church of Switzerland was no longer the Roman Catholic Church. The Reformed Church, our Presbyterian ancestors, had become the official church, and it was also growing in other countries like Germany. Since Germany was heavily Lutheran there was serious objection to this Confession. One of the governors of a large part of Germany was put on trial for heresy, and our ancestor Heinrich Bullinger, who had written this statement of faith, helped him in his defense, and he was exonerated. That victory helped spread the Reformed faith into other parts of Europe.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, creator, redeemer, sustainer of all. You made your covenant with us, calling us to love and serve you. When we are wandering in sin you forgive us and lead us home. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lived and died and rose for us, and is coming in glory to reign.

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me." With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering Christ's saving love, we celebrate this holy meal and offer ourselves to you, O God, with gratitude and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

(over)

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, on your people gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. By your Spirit make us one body in Christ, one in mission and ministry to the world. Nourish us in faith, hope, and love, and strengthen us for service, until we feast with you in glory. All praise and honor and glory are yours, holy God, now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Please come to the front using the center aisle. Break off a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. After you have communed please return to your seat using the side aisles. If you prefer, remain in your seat and we will come to serve you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal and united us with Christ. Strengthen us in your service so that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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