Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 10, 2022

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Praise to the Lord Close to Thee Broughton Ritter

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Barb Finch

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Invocation (Responsively)

Barb Finch

God of goodness and grace, for the peace your promises bring, and for the assurances we have received through the gift of your Son. May we, your people, this day and every day, have open eyes to see and open ears to hear your presence among us.

Open us to your Holy Spirit, Lord, and prepare us for worship.

Amen.

y Hymn

Cornerstone

Verse 1
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus
Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2
When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Verse 3
When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession Barb Finch

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Prayer of Confession

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Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Barb Finch

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men. A-men.

Offering Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;

the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us in Christ, we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.

Offering

Offertory Ancient Words DeShazo

Doxology

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. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication (Responsively)

Ever-giving God, source of all goodness and charity, your ear is always open to our needs.

When we cry to you, you are faithful and provide for us. With joy we bring our thanksgiving.

For all your mercies, we return to you from our abundance. All that we give, we dedicate to your glory.

All that we keep, we commit to your care, for we are only stewards of your bounty.

Bless what we give and what we keep, for all is your creation. Amen.

Hymn 347 Be Still My Soul

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading Psalm 125

¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion. It cannot be shaken; it remains forever.

² The mountains surround Jerusalem and the LORD surrounds his people,

both now and forever.

The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous will not apply their hands to injustice.

Do what is good, LORD, to the good, to those whose hearts are upright.

But as for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will banish them with the evildoers.

Peace be with Israel.

Sermon

"The Security of God's People" Rev. Paul Toms

Responding We respond to God's Word

Hymn 275 How Firm a Foundation

Profession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism)

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belongbody and soul, in life and in deathto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no schemes of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Barb Finch, Dan Obenschain

Postlude Echo Fanfare Smith