

8th Sunday after Pentecost



**July 18, 2021
at 10:30 a.m.**

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*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our livestreaming and recording equipment. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.** *Please rise in body or spirit.*

COME

Voluntary

Air

G. F. Handel

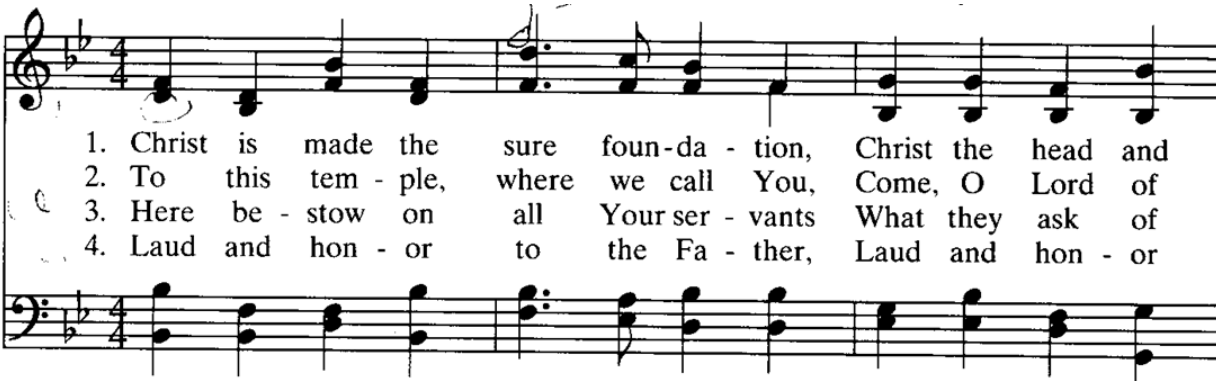
*Call to Worship

Kate Clark

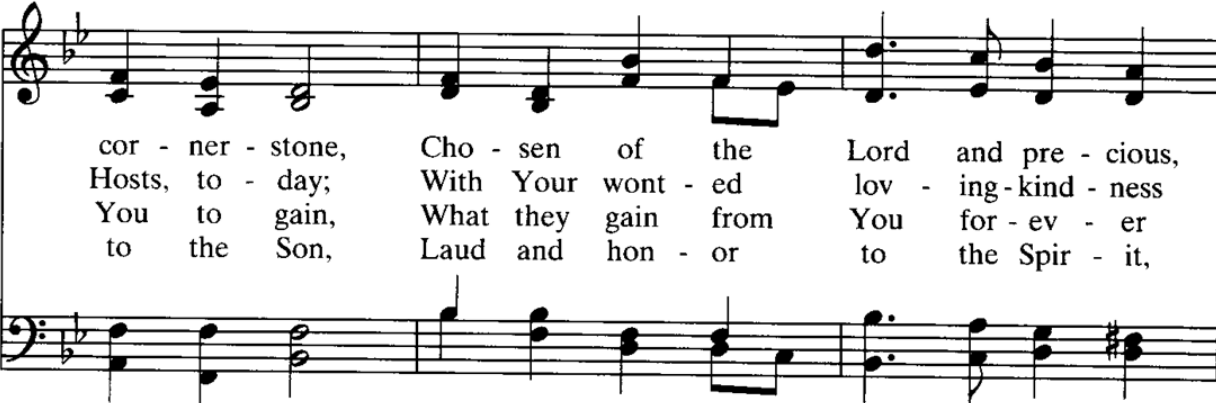
Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while.

God calls us to quiet and rest, even as we continue to minister to those in need.

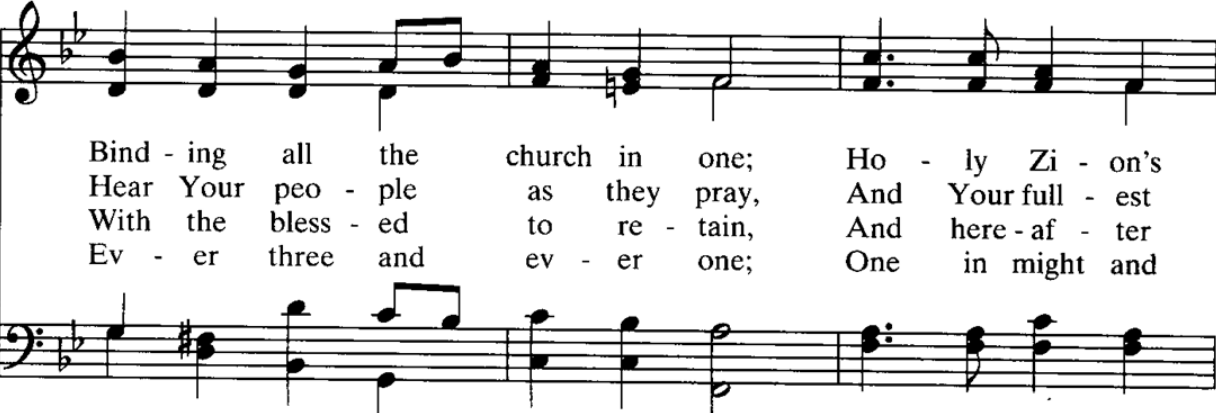
Let us find rest in the presence of God.



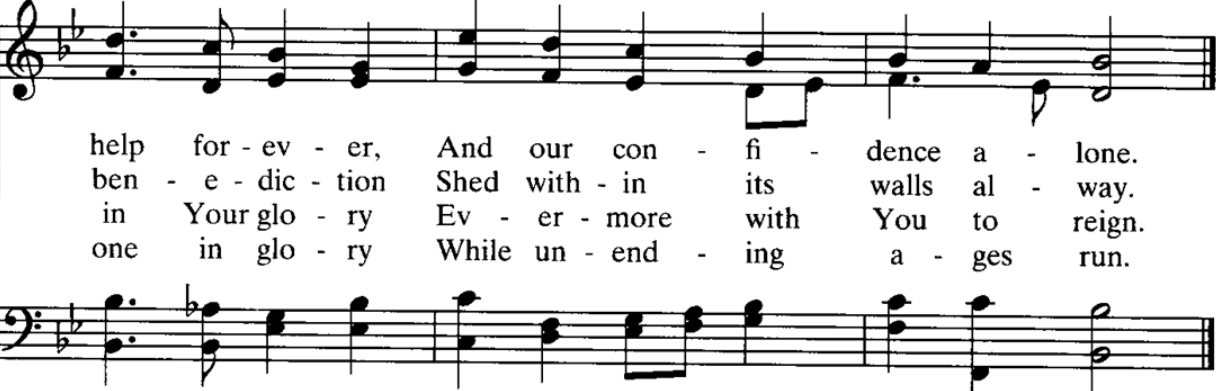
1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er
 to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and



help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin, confident in God's love for us.

Prayer of Confession

God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

As your sister in Christ, I remind you that you have been restored to the grace of God to live in peace.
Thanks be to God.

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

God spreads a table of blessings before us. Let us express our gratitude by giving a portion of what has been given to us.

Offertory

The Call

R. Vaughan Williams
Joel Rhoads, soloist

*Come, my Way, my truth, my Life: Such a Way,
as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast,
as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart,
as joys in love.*

*Response 592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

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

Time with Young Disciples

Susan Shellito
Vacation Bible School

*Following the Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with
their families or to visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.*

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

May the reading of your Word draw near to you those of us once far off. May
the hearing of your Word break down the dividing walls between us, for Jesus
Christ, your living Word, is our peace. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 89:20-29, 35-37

Old Testament

20 "I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;
21 my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.
23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.
24 My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn
shall be exalted.

25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.
26 He shall cry to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!"
27 I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
28 Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.
29 I will establish his line for ever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.

35 Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.
36 His line shall continue for ever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.
37 It shall be established for ever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies."

The Second Lesson

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

New Testament

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.
31 He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.
32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.
33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.
34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.
54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,
55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.
56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rest a While

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Prayers of the People

God of Jesus Christ and our God, we are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints of the commonwealth of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

In Christ we are joined together as a dwelling place for God.

We pray for those who have been called or elected as leaders, that they may be guided by your voice and by the voices of their people.

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We pray for pastors and teachers of the church, that they may faithfully tend and not scatter those entrusted to them.

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We pray for those who are poor and in need of assistance, and for ourselves that we may tenderly care for them.

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We pray for the victims of war and other forms of violence, that we may be good news for them both in word and in deed.

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We pray for the sick and infirm and those who are spiritually hungry, that we may be a message of compassion.

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Today we pray especially for children and others who have been abused, that we may be quick to care for them and build systems of accountability.

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Good Shepherd, Lord of Righteousness, bring us together through the cross of Christ and break down the dividing walls between us. Be our peace, and by your Holy Spirit renew our citizenship in your kingdom. **Amen.**

We pray silently...

And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that Christ taught us, saying in one voice:

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 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. Amen.**

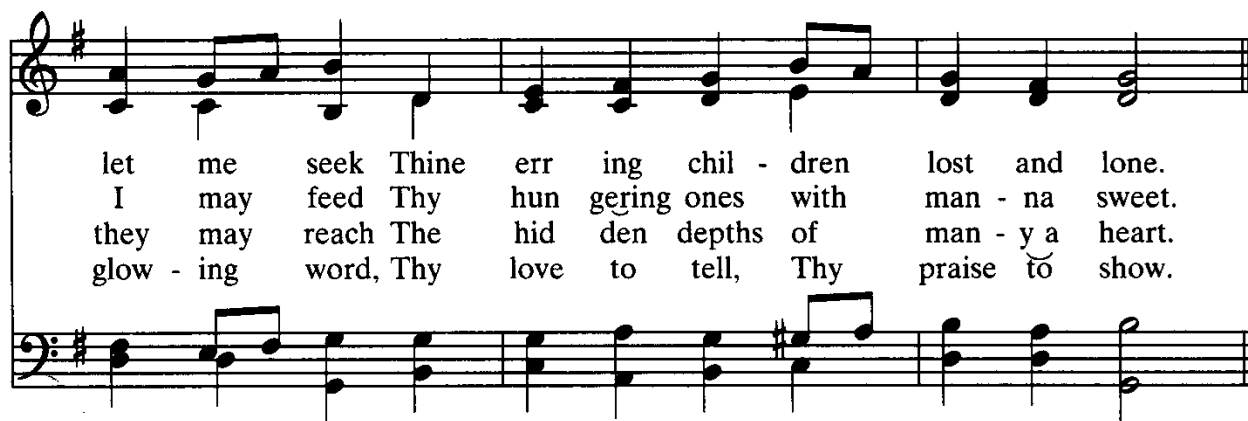
*Hymn #426

Lord, Speak To Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wan - dering
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre - cious
4. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un - til my

ech - oes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so
and the wa - vering feet; O feed me, Lord, that
things Thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that
ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and



let me seek Thine erring chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed Thy hun gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach The hid den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
 Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
 Until Thy blessed face I see,
 Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

*Charge and Benediction

Let the Spirit build us together into a living temple for the Lord!

May the grace of Christ attend you,
 the love of God surround you,
 and the Holy Spirit keep you now and forever more.

Voluntary

Antiphonal Chorale

Robert Hebble

Funding for today's soloist was provided by the Seiberling Music Endowment fund.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by Kara Hauerwas to commemorate the 15th anniversary of Jon's ordination as a teaching elder.

COVID-19 Protocols:

- Masks are now optional for all vaccinated adults. Unvaccinated adults are asked to continue masking.
- Masks are also optional for children and youth of every age, whether they have been vaccinated or not. This is at the discretion of the parent or guardian of the child or youth.
- Solos and congregational singing will continue both with and without masks.
- We will continue to observe social distancing measures, and the ushers will assist worshippers with seating in the sanctuary. The pews where worshippers are asked to sit are marked with a green sticker. If you would prefer to sit at a greater distance from others, please inform an usher who can guide you to a place where you will feel more comfortable.
- We are in the process of returning the hymnals, Bibles, and giving envelopes to the pews. However, offering trays and fellowship pads will not be passed at this time. Offering trays may be found at the entrance to the worship space.
- Livestreaming services will continue on YouTube.
- The narthex doors will remain locked for the time being. Please access the sanctuary through the education wing.

From the Finance Office Our Treasurer, Shelley Koutnik, will be volunteering in the Finance Office until a Staff Accountant is hired. Shelley will be at the church Monday mornings from 9:00 am until noon. Other hours will be by appointment. Please contact Shelley at wpctreasurer1250@gmail.com for your Finance Office needs.

Monthly Financial Report

June 2021	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$46,728.01	\$55,635.16	\$320,961.57	\$273,235.96
Total Expenses	\$44,518.39	\$50,156.26	\$233,064.25	\$290,287.16
Net	\$2,209.62	\$5,478.90	\$87,897.32	(\$17,051.20)

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending June 30, 2021.

CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of July 18 – 24, 2021	
<p>Sunday, 7/18 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & on YouTube Livestream 11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting in Room 106 5:00 pm Third Sunday Dinner/ Free Hot Meal Drive Thru</p> <p>Monday, 7/19 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>Tuesday, 7/20 9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH</p> <p>Wednesday, 7/21 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting in Pastor Study</p> <p>Thursday, 7/22 9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting in Library</p>

Giving Online During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support. To give electronically on the WPC website click under the tab "online giving" and use this QR Code.



The Church Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Staff schedule in the office: **Monday** - Pastor Jon, Claudine Schooley, and Dave Bodnar. **Tuesday** - Pastor Jon and Dave Bodnar. **Wednesday** - Claudine Schooley and Dave Bodnar. **Thursday** - Claudine Schooley and Dave Bodnar. **Friday** - Pastor Jon and Claudine Schooley.

*Finance Office: Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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