

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship (Pastor)

Psalm 96:1-5

Prayer of Adoration (Pastor)

\*Hymn of Praise

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,  
 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;  
 from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

**\*Confession of Faith** from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1  
*Pastor:* People of God, what is your only comfort in life and in death?  
*Congregation:* That I belong-body and soul, in life and in death-not to myself but to my Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING

Scripture Reading (Pastor)

Psalm 45

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever. Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty! In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds! Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore, God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him. The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people. All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold. In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king. In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Confession of Sin (Congregation)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace (Pastor)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9)

Prayer of Intercession (Pastor)

Scripture Reading (Pastor)

Ephesians 5:22-33

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Prayer of Illumination (Pastor)

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann  
Senior Pastor

"Relationships: Wife and Husband"  
(Ephesians: Grace to Glory, 25)

\*Hymn of Response

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee and  
 3. Be thou my batt - le shieldword for my fight; be thou my dig - ni - ty,  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in - her - i - tance,  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach heav - en's joys,  
 save that thou art, thou my best thought by day or by  
 thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true  
 thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high  
 now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly first in my  
 O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be -  
 son; wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 tow'r: thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 heart, raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 fall, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

\*Benediction (Pastor)

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

\*Congregation Standing

## Sermon Notes

**Outdoor Evening Prayer Service:** We will meet again this evening for a Sunday evening prayer service at 6:00 pm. This service modifies and combines our normal Sunday and Wednesday evening services. More informal in nature, we sing, study the Word, and spend time praying together. Pastor Sean is teaching through the book of Lamentations during these services. In the event of bad weather, this service will be cancelled.

**Lord's Supper:** We will observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at both services on Sunday morning, October 25.

**South Sudan Offering:** The deacons would like to announce a special offering to go toward relief in South Sudan. Funds will be used by Scott Brinkerhoff, a missionary supported by CRPC, to purchase food and relief supplies. This is an unusual opportunity in which we have a chance for giving in an emergency situation to go straight to specific people with specific needs. Please mark your gifts: "South Sudan relief," and either mail them to the church (PO Box 8953, 28814) or drop them in the gift box this morning.

**Adult Sunday School:** During this season of reduced gatherings, we have moved our adult Sunday school class online. For the Fall Quarter, our pastors will be teaching the adults through Deuteronomy 31-32, also called "The Song of Moses", in short, weekly video installments. We will send out links to these videos every week, or you can find them at our church YouTube channel (ask the church office to send you the links).

**Watering Seeds Podcast:** Another ministry our pastors have started during the coronavirus has been a podcast. "Watering Seeds" is a weekly podcast conversation that reviews and reapplies the previous Sunday's sermon to our hearts and minds (i.e. Watering the seeds of the word that were planted on Sunday, 1 Cor 3:6-7). You can find the podcast on various hosts like Anchor, Spotify, or Apple Podcast, or find the link on our website under the "Sermons" tab.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Empty shoeboxes are available today for you to pick up and pack for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). You may choose the sturdy cardboard GO (Gospel Opportunity) boxes and/or the red & green OCC plastic boxes (no charge). We will collect your gift filled boxes on November 15, and get them started on their journey across the world, taking joy and the gospel to needy children. For persons not physically attending worship services, you may pick up boxes in the church foyer during normal office hours (Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4:30pm). Your filled boxes may be returned in the same manner. For questions, or if you need empty boxes delivered to you, please contact Bonnie Cook (645-9684 (Home); 828-779-1962 (Cell); weavervillecooks@gmail.com)

Submit bulletin items to [crpcbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:crpcbulletin@gmail.com) by noon on Thursdays

*If you have a prayer request, please speak to a pastor or elder, call the church office at 828-253-6578, or e-mail [ceb392@mac.com](mailto:ceb392@mac.com) and it will be added to our church prayer list and remembered during our Prayer of Intercession.*

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