



Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARED JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT AND REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 89)

- One:** I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
ALL: **with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**
One: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
ALL: **your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**
One: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: ‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”
ALL: **Praise the Lord!**
One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN #442

O Christ, the Great Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

* GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning it is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.



GOSPEL READING Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He 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. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As 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.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And 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.

One: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Members of the Household of God* The Rev. Chris Torrey

*** HYMN # 527 *Near to the Heart of God***

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY**

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SENDING

*** HYMN #372 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD




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Thank you to Amy Tansey for serving as Liturgist this morning.

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