



Central's mission:  
Love God, love others, and serve the world

August 23, 2020  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Musical Gift

*Raise the Sound of Praise*

Broughton

Welcome and Announcements

Robbie Hudgeons

Opening Prayer

Rev. Miriam Smith

Hymn #545 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Stone

1. The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
4. 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.
5. 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.

Affirmation of Faith      *The Apostles’ Creed*

Robbie Hudgeons

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

Time of Prayer

Rev. Miriam Smith

**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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Central Reflection

*Pat Smithson*

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Bible Reading — Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Miriam Smith

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — "Looking for Confirmation"

Rev. Miriam Smith

Praise

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**Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

Benediction and Blessing

Rev. Miriam Smith

Musical Gift

*With a Song Ringing*

Anderson

Singers: Doug Maze, Lindy Smith, Susan Thompson

### **Bible Reading for August 30**

**Matthew 16:21-28** From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”.

### **Discussion Questions**

- *Does what Jesus says to Peter in verse 23 bother you?*
- *How do you hear these words of rebuke?*
- *What does denying yourself to take up your cross look like in your life right now?*
- *How difficult is it for you to do what Jesus tells his disciples they must do in order to gain eternal life?*

I would love to hear about what God is showing you in your reading. Call 256-353-6941 or email [miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com](mailto:miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com) to let me know your thoughts before next Sunday.



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