### **WORSHIP GUIDE FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2021**

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

- Dana Moody

#### THE MORNING WELCOME

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

## **CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)**

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

Gracious God, forgive us. We place our trust in things that are fleeting, rather than in you and the sure promises you offer. We focus on the things that are before us, getting bogged down in the mundane and the trials of the moment. We fail to remember to set our sights on you. Forgive our doubt, our lack of hope, our fear. Restore our hope in those things unseen by our eyes. Revitalize our faith. Renew our hearts that we might worship you fully. Redeem us so we can be a sign of your love to others who doubt. Amen.

### **OPENING HYMN**

# "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #474

- 1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

# A PRAYER FOR FOUNDER'S DAY (responsively)

- Debbie Rippard

- Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness L: through all the years of worship in this place. For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation:
- We give you thanks, O God.
- For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:
- We give you thanks, O God.
- For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation:
- We give you thanks, O God.
- <u>**P:**</u> <u>L:</u> For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed that Jesus is Lord; for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service:
- P: We give you thanks, O God.

- <u>L:</u> Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding; through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray the prayer he taught his disciples to pray...
- All: 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, forever. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

- Men's Choir

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

- Hebrews 10:11-25 (CEV)

<sup>11</sup> The priests do their work each day, and they keep on offering sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But Christ offered himself as a sacrifice that is good forever. Now he is sitting at God's right side, <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>13</sup> and he will stay there until his enemies are put under his power. <sup>14</sup> By his one sacrifice he has forever set free from sin the people he brings to God.

<sup>15</sup> The Holy Spirit also speaks of this by telling us that the Lord said, <sup>16</sup> "When the time comes, I will make an agreement with them. I will write my laws on their minds and hearts. <sup>17</sup> Then I will forget about their sins and no longer remember their evil deeds."

<sup>18</sup> When sins are forgiven, there is no more need to offer sacrifices.

<sup>19</sup> My friends, the blood of Jesus gives us courage to enter the most holy place <sup>20</sup> by a new way that leads to life! And this way takes us through the curtain that is Christ himself.

<sup>21</sup> We have a great high priest who is in charge of God's house. <sup>22</sup> So let's come near God with pure hearts and a confidence that comes from having faith. Let's keep our hearts pure, our consciences free from evil, and our bodies washed with clean water. <sup>23</sup> We must hold tightly to the hope that we say is ours. After all, we can trust the one who made the agreement with us. <sup>24</sup> We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things. <sup>25</sup> Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer.

### THE RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

<u>L:</u> This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**P:** Thanks be to God.

CEDMON

"On Being Barber Poles for Christ"

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

"Here I Am, Lord" #593

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

[REFRAIN] Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

  I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

  I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

  I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

  [REFRAIN] Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

  I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

## **CLOSING PRAYER (responsively)**

- Debbie Rippard

- <u>L:</u> As the Father has loved you, go now and love. As the Son has forgiven and redeemed you, go now, extending grace to all you meet. As the Spirit has transformed you into the likeness of the Son, go now, letting the life of Christ guide you each moment of the day. Go now, in love, with grace and in the light of Jesus.
- D. Amen.

POSTLUDE - Dana Moody

## **SERMON NOTES**

- 1. What did Christ accomplish that the sacrifices of the priest could not?
- 2. According to Hebrews 10:17 what has God "carved on the lining of our hearts?"
- 3. Hebrews Blueprint for Welcoming Love
  - Gives us courage to trust God
  - Challenges us to provoke one another in love
  - Encourages one another

Where on this blueprint would you say you need the most work?
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4. What does it mean to be, what Dr. Tim calls, "a Barber Pole for Christ?" \_\_\_