



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
MILFORD

October 17, 2021  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

## REFLECTION

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### **Celebrating Our Justification in Jesus Christ, By Faith Resting**

O Christ, you have done for us  
What we cannot do for ourselves:  
You washed the spot of sin from our hands,  
Answered the self-accusation of our hearts,  
And satisfied the Holy Wrath that stood against us.

Trusting, O God, I come.  
Despairing of my never-finished works,  
I rest in the finished work of him  
Who lived and died in my place.

Fill me with joy as I worship,  
With a sure confidence that by childlike faith,  
The perfection of Jesus Christ has become my perfection. Thanks be to God!

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### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

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**Call to Worship**                      Romans 5:1–2:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand,  
**and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

**Gathering Hymn**                      Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

1 Come ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, Weak and woun - ded, sick and sore;  
 2 Come, ye thir - sty, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;  
 3 Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy - la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
 4 Let not cons - cience make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pi - ty, love and pow'r.  
 True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh.  
 If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will ne - ver come at all.  
 All the fit - ness He re - qui - reth Is to feel your need of Him.

*Chorus*

I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;

In the arms of my dear Sa - vior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threaten to un - do us,  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs no thanks to them a - bid - eth;



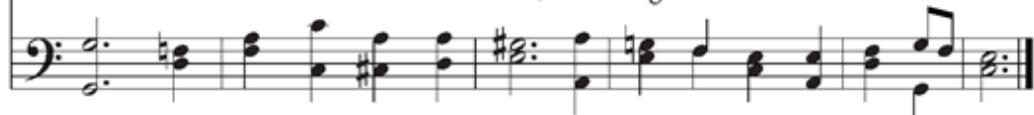
our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing.  
 we will not fear, for God has willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours thro' Him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are  
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; LORD Sab - a - oth His  
 The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 name, from age to age the same; and He must win the bat - tle.  
 dure, for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.



## Invocation

**Praise Hymn**      A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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## Confession of Sin

O Spirit of God, help our infirmities. When we are pressed down because of our sins, perplexed and not knowing what to do, help us.

**When you see that I desire evil things, delighting in sinful actions, longing for things that grieve your heart, then grant me the kiss of your forgiveness, and teach my feet to walk in the way of your commandments.**

Deliver us from these worries and make us holy, joyful people. Help us walk to a holy life with firm and brave step, and to wrestle successfully against my weaknesses.

**Teach me to praise, adore, and magnify your name. Give me power to live as your child. Lead me on the road to your eternal kingdom, whether the road be rough or smooth.**

## Individual Confession

**Absolution & Old Testament Lesson**    Psalm 32

**Thanksgiving Hymn** Arise My Soul Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

### **Chorus**

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

### **Chorus**

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

### **Chorus**

The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the blood, The Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God.

### **Chorus**

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

### **Chorus**

**Gospel Lesson**      Luke 18:9–14

**Epistle Lesson**      Romans 3:9–26

### **Peace of Christ**

The peace of the Lord be with you!      **And also with you!**

### **The Gospel Song**

Holy God in love became, Perfect Man to bear my blame  
On the cross He took my sin, By His death I live again

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;  
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,  
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.  
 thine own peace, which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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**Sermon Text**          Amos 1:1-5

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

**Sermon**                  Amos: Tribal Identity is Not Enough | Pastor Curran Bishop

**Response Hymn**          Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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**Bringing Our Life to God**          Prayers | Collection | Profession

**Prayers of the People**

**Collection**                  text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts  
or visit [give.pcamna.org/to/1708/](http://give.pcamna.org/to/1708/)

**Sinclair Alleluia**

**Confession of Faith**          Westminster Confession of Faith (1647), Chapter 11.1  
Those whom God effectually calls he also freely justifies; not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous: not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; nor by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on him and his righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God.

**Communion in Christ Jesus**

*All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.*

## Communion Hymn

Wood and Nails (verses 1-2)

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees  
Look on your handiwork and build a house  
So you may dwell in Me  
So you may dwell in Me

### Chorus

The work was done with nothing but wood and nails  
In Your scar-borne hands  
O show me how to work and praise  
Trusting that I am Your instrument

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face  
O build a table that I too may join you  
In the father's place  
Oh in the Father's place

### Chorus

## Prayer for those searching

*Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.*

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## Coronation Hymn

Wood and Nails (verses 3-4)

The kingdom's come and built upon  
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness  
So send me out within Your ways  
Knowing that the task is finished

The dead will rise and give You praise  
 Wood and nails will not hold them down  
 These wooden tombs, we'll break them soon  
 And fashion them into flower beds

The curse is done, the battle won  
 Swords bent down into plowshares  
 Your scar-borne hands, we'll join with them  
 Serving at the table You've prepared

**Benediction**      2 Corinthians 13:14  
 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## Amos

H P S T P B S A W G D J O E P  
 B G Z R E A R T H Q U A K E F  
 R L W A H T S H E P H E R D S  
 E A J N B T A V X Q S A V C Q  
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 BATTLE

## REFLECTION

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### Freeing Grace

I think it was about five this morning that I opened my Testament on those words, “Through these God has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature....” (2 Peter 1:4) ‘Just as I went out, I opened it again on those words, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” (Mark 12:34b) In the afternoon I was asked to go to St. Paul’s Church. The anthem was, “Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared...O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. (Psalm 130:1-4; 7-8)

In the evening I went very unwillingly to a meeting in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Martin Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for my salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

I began to pray with all my might for those who had in a more particular manner despitefully used me and persecuted me. I then testified openly to all there what I now first felt in my heart. But it was not long before the enemy suggested, ‘This cannot be faith; for where is your joy?’ Then was I taught that peace and victory over sin are essential to faith in the Captain of our salvation; but that, as to the intense feelings of joy that usually attend the beginning of it, especially in those who have mourned deeply [over their sin], God sometimes gives, sometimes withholds them, according to the counsels of His own will.

– *John Wesley, Journal entry for May 24, 1738*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Community Group** | Meeting tonight, October 17, 5:30-7pm at Liz's house for a picnic and community building time. Check the weekly email for a link to sign up to bring a dish, drink or side. Feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors!

**Men's Breakfast** | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). We meet with no agenda but to create space for guys to form a strong community where important questions can be discussed and answered. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors.

**Thursday Night Prayer Meeting** | 7-7:50pm. Regular prayer for each other, our community, our world and the redemptive work of God is essential to our mission. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other.  
[Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

**Sunday Worship** | We'll be meeting at the MAC (40 Railroad Ave.) every Sunday in October and November except 10/31 and 11/14 when we will meet at the Fowler Memorial Building (parking at I Shipyard Ln.).

**Men's & Women's Bible Studies** | Men's starts November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 to 10:30am. Women's is next on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 to 10:30am. Please send RSVPs for each study to [info@cpcmilford.org](mailto:info@cpcmilford.org).

**Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship** | 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, rotating months.

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