

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
20TH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE**

**October 22, 2017**

**11:00 A.M.**

***Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.***

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Prayer" Cesar Franck  
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO "American Gothic, Sort Of"

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT Stephen Ministry  
\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wake up! No more dozing off!

**All: The time is now!**

One: The kingdom is here!

**All: There are songs to be sung,**

One: Chains to be broken,

**All: Children to be loved,**

One: Hungry to be fed.

**All: It's time to come alive!**

One: We are somebody.

**All: God's people,**

One: Empowered and blessed,

**All: Called and sent.**

One: Wake up!

**All: Sing, pray and act.**

\*HYMN "God, Whose Love is Reigning o're Us" No. 100

**A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN**

*Where Children Belong*

**(congregation sings)**

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.*

*Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**Hymnal No. 33**

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER "Hear Our Prayer O Lord" The Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

Choral Response

"Hear our Prayer O Lord"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Built On A Rock"

arr. Joel Raney

Rock of ages cleft for me let me hide myself in thee. The church has one foundation, in Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation, from water and the word. Built on a rock not build on shifting sand, the cornerstone of God's eternal plan. Straight and true these walls will stand; this church is built on a rock by God's almighty hand. From heaven he came and sought her to be His holy bride; with his precious blood he bought her, and for her life he died. Rock of ages cleft for me let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, save from wrath an make me pure. Built on a rock not build on shifting sand, the cornerstone of God's eternal plan. Straight and true these walls will stand; this church is built on a rock by God's almighty hand.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21: 33-43

NT p. 24

Leader: This is a story about God's abundance. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**God's Story of Abundance—Yours, Mine and Ours:**

SERMON

"Working with The Owner"

**GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Stewardship Video**

\*A New Doxology

(words below)

***Gift by gift, week by week,  
Growing Central's what we seek  
Like a garden, so to speak.  
Gonna make it fertile ground.***

***Pledge by pledge, in God's time.  
We will grow and we will climb  
With each step the Kingdom comes  
And God's grace comes tumbling down***

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Help us, Lord, to always be worthy and reliable caretakers of your world and of your gifts. Give us a sense of sacred trust, that we might not grasp selfishly the things that belong to you. As you give abundant gifts to all your children, help us give our time and talent and treasure for to bring forth your kingdom. Amen.**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

No. 219

\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

"The Grace of the Lord"

"Voluntary"

Roberta Bitgood

David Johnson