

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE | 10:45 AM | NOVEMBER 21, 2021

PRELUDE | **Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Netherlands Folk Song)
Carolyn K. Smith, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

LOOKING UPWARD

INTROIT | **Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Based on Psalm 61

Pastor: Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

People: From the ends of the earth I call to You, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Pastor: For You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

People: I long to dwell in Your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of Your wings.

Pastor: For You have heard my vows of commitment to You, O God.

People: You have given me an inheritance reserved for those who fear Your name.

Unison: Let us worship God!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE | **Crown Him With Many Crowns** vs. 1-3 #151

THE CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of Your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA PATRI | *Hymn 579*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: As God in Christ has heard our confessions and forgiven us our sins, let us each now offer that same forgiveness and peace to one another. The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANTHEM | **The Best of Rooms** (Randall Thompson)
SAPC Chancel Choir

GROWING INWARD

THE WORD PREACHED | *Pastor Pete Seiferth*
Building Your Best Life | Matthew 7:24-29

HYMN OF RESPONSE | **O Jesus, I Have Promised** vs. 1-3 #388

THE MORNING PRAYER AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

REACHING OUTWARD

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

There are many ways you can give today: you can mail your gift to the church (7650 N Paseo del Norte, Tucson, AZ 85704), you can give via text (text \$___ amount to 520-263-0034), or you can also give online at sapctucson.org/give.

OFFERTORY | **Now Thank We All Our God** (arr. Kauffman/Oley)
Carolyn K. Smith, organ

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE SENDING HYMN | **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** vs. 1-3 #379

*THE INVITATION TO PRAYER AND DISCIPLESHIP

THE BENEDICTION AND LITANY OF DEDICATION

PRESENTATION OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS

You are invited to come forward and put your Estimate of Giving 2022 Pledge Cards in the baskets as a prayerful and celebratory way of dedicating yourselves and your stewardship commitments for the coming year.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE | **Amen, Amen**

*POSTLUDE | **Nun Danket Alle Gott** (Siegfried Karg-Elert)
Carolyn K. Smith, organ

**Please stand as you are able*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP...

Pastor Mat Grover

SERVING YOU THIS MORNING...

WORSHIP TEAM: Mark Gary, Carolyn K. Smith, SAPC Chancel Choir
TECHNICAL STAFF: Matt Gulley, Ben Constantinides, Amy Grover, Daniella Bolin

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SERMON NOTES

“Building Your Best Life”

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The Conclusion of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount!

Three contrasts: Matthew 7:13-23

1. The narrow gate (of obedience to Jesus) AND the wide gate (of self-absorption).
2. The good tree (wise teachers of truth, producing fruit of obedience) AND the bad tree (false prophets like wolves in sheep’s clothing).
3. Those who truly learn and “do the will of my Father” AND those who call Jesus “Lord” yet stop short of full obedience.

The fourth contrast: Matthew 7:24-29

4. The wise one who puts Jesus’ words into practice AND the foolish one who doesn’t.

“What we have come to call the Sermon on the Mount is a concise statement of Jesus’ teachings on how to actually live in the reality of God’s present kingdom available to us from the very space surrounding our bodies. It concludes with a statement that all who hear and do what He there says will have a life that can stand up to everything -- that is, a life for eternity because it is already in the eternal.” Dallas Willard, The Divine Conspiracy, p 97.

- The three most important factors in deciding where to build your life:
- Three facets of the Foundation Rock to build upon:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The LORD lives! Praise to my Rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted!
Psalm 18:46 NLT

Rev. Dr. Pete Seiferth
Best. Sermon. Ever.
Matthew 7:24-29



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PASTORS: Rev. Dr. Pete Seiferth, Rev. Mat Grover

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