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PILGRIM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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TOGETHER FOR GOOD

The Unchangeable Character of God's Purpose

SERMON TEXT Hebrews 6:13-7:28

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1 OPENING WITH PRAISE**PRELUDE**

The Lord is in his holy temple
 The Lord is in his holy temple:
 Let all the earth keep silence,
 Let all the earth keep silence before him
 Keep silence, keep silence before him.

TUNE QUAM DILECTA

METER Irregular

CALL TO WORSHIP / Psalm 95

- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- ³ For the Lord is a great God,
 and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
 the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
 and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
 let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- ⁷ For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture,
 and the sheep of his hand.
 Today, if you hear his voice,
- ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
 as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test
 and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation
 and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,
 and they have not known my ways."
- ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath,
 "They shall not enter my rest."

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING / Psalm 110D

The LORD said to my Lord:
 "Sit here at My right hand
 Until I make Your enemies
 A footstool for Your feet."
 The LORD from Zion sends
 Your scepter in its strength,
 "With mighty power show Your rule
 Among Your enemies."

Your people freely come
 Throughout Your day of Pow'r;
 From morning's dawn, in holy robes,
 Your youth are like the dew.
 The LORD has sworn an oath,
 And will not change His mind:
 "In the order of Melchizedek,
 You ever are a priest."

The Lord at Your right hand
 Will shatter kings in wrath.
 Among the nations He will judge,
 And fill them with their dead.
 Yes, He will smite and crush
 Chief men in many lands.
 And from the wayside brook He'll drink,
 And therefore lift His head.

TUNE TERRA BEATA aka "This Is My Father's World"
METER 6.6.8.6 D

☉ CONFESSING OUR SINS

SCRIPTURE READING / 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (ESV)

THE DECALOGUE

You shall not have more gods than me
 Before no image bow the knee
 Take not the name of God in vain
 Nor dare the Sabbath to profane
 Give both your parents honor due
 Take heed that you no murder do
 Abstain from words and deeds unclean
 Nor steal though you are poor and mean
 Nor make a willful lie nor love it
 What is your neighbor's do not covet

CORPORATE CONFESSION / Psalm 51:1-17

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin!
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight,
 so that you may be justified in your words
 and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
 and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
 and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right[b] spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

⑥ GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S MERCIES

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PASTORAL PRAYER

③ HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING / Hebrews 6:13-7:28

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, **14** saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." **15** And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. **16** For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. **17** So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, **18** so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. **19** We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, **20** where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, **2** and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. **3** He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

4 See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! **5** And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. **6** But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. **7** It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. **8** In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. **9** One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, **10** for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

11 Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there

have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? **12** For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. **13** For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. **14** For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

15 This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, **16** who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. **17** For it is witnessed of him,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

18 For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness **19** (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

20 And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, **21** but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:

“The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest forever.’”

22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, **24** but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. **25** Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost[c] those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. **27** He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once

I come with Your righteousness on
 My humble offering to bring
 The judgments of Your holy law
 With me can have nothing to do
 My Savior's obedience and blood
 Hide all my transgressions
 From view

VERSE 2

The work which Your goodness began
 The arm of Your strength will complete
 Your promise is yes and amen
 And never was forfeited yet
 The future or things that are now
 No power below or above
 Can make You Your purpose forego
 Or sever my soul from Your love

VERSE 3

My name from the palms of Your hands
 Eternity will not erase
 Impressed on Your heart it remains
 In marks of indelible grace
 Yes I, to the end will endure
 Until I bow down at Your throne
 Forever and always secure
 Forever and always secure
 Forever and always secure
 A debtor to mercy alone

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

⑥ CONFESSING OUR FAITH

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living 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.

**catholic is an old-term which means "universal"*

⑦ CLOSING WITH PRAISE

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING / Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

VERSE 1

Christ the sure and steady anchor
 in the fury of the storm
 When the winds of doubt blow through me
 and my sails have all been torn
 In the suffering, in the sorrow
 when my sinking hopes are few
 I will hold fast to the anchor
 it shall never be removed

VERSE 2

Christ the sure and steady anchor
 while the tempest rages on
 when temptation claims the battle
 and it seems the night has won
 deeper still then goes the anchor
 though I justly stand accused
 I will hold fast to the anchor
 it shall never be removed

VERSE 3

Christ the sure and steady anchor
 through the floods of unbelief
 Hopeless, somehow, o my soul now
 lift your eyes to calvary
 This my ballast of assurance
 See His love forever proved
 I will hold fast to the anchor
 it shall never be removed

VERSE 4

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
 As we face the wave of death;
 When these trials give way to glory,
 As we draw our final breath.
 We will cross that great horizon,
 Clouds behind and life secure;
 And the calm will be the better,
 For the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation,
 Ever faithful, ever true!
 We will hold fast to the anchor,
 It shall never be removed.

BENEDICTION**DOXOLOGY / Psalm 72:18-19**

Now blessed be the LORD our God,
 the God of Israel,
 For he alone doth wondrous works,
 in glory that excel

And blessed be his glorious name
 to all eternity:
 The whole earth let his glory fill.
 Amen, so let it be.

TUNE CRIMOND aka "The Lord's My Shepherd"
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