

St. John's Presbyterian Church

July 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.



Vision Statement

Worship God

Love One Another

Serve the World

Worship Participants

The Rev. Kent Meads, Interim Pastor

Chyannah Rowe, Lay Reader

David Brock, Organist

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*Please stand in Body or Spirit

BOLD People's Response

GATHERING

Prelude (David Brock, Organist)

François Couperin

7. Little fugue on the *Chromhorn* (from the 2nd phrase of the *Gloria*), from *Mass for the Parishes*

Welcome/Announcements (The Rev. Kent Meads)

Please sign our Ministry of Friendship pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you.

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are those who keep His testimonies

People: who seek Him with their whole heart

Leader: O that my ways may be steadfast

People: in keeping Your statutes!

*Hymn No. 454 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

—The Presbyterian Hymnal, CCLI License# 3360196/One License# 87202

*Call to Confession (Chyennah Rowe, Lay Reader)

Because Your Word tells us that You, God, are merciful and full of grace toward Your children, we know we willingly come to You confessing our sin.

*Prayer of Confession

Loving Father all the fancy words in the world, spoken with conviction, cannot compete with a heartfelt 'sorry' when all other words fail. There are times when we are all too aware of our limitations, conscious of sin and the distance it creates between us. Sometimes 'sorry' is all the heart can bear to say aloud. It is only You who can read and understand the language of our hearts. Only you who can translate our 'sorry' into the prayer we would have prayed if we had the words within us. Then you forgive, and having forgiven, surround us in an embrace of love, drawing us close to Your heart. Thank you, Loving Father, that you listen to our hearts as well as voices and forgive us because of Your Son. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace.)

*Hymn

Glory Be to the Father

—The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 577; CCLI# 221194

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Moment with Young Disciples

Special Music

Wesley Lawton

THE WORD

Message

Building Life on a Strong Foundation

The Rev. Kent Meads

Luke 6.45-49

Why do you call me "Lord, Lord," and not do what I tell you?

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| 1. Every one coming to me and hearing my words
and doing them I will show you what he is like. | HEAR MY WORDS
Do Them |
| 2. He is like a man building a house,
who dug down and went deep
and laid a foundation upon rock; | BUILT HOUSE
Foundation |
| 3. And when a flash flood arose, the stream broke against that house,
and the stream was not strong enough to shake it,
because it was well built. | FLOOD
House Not Shaken |
| 4. And the one hearing
and not doing | HEAR
Not do |
| 5. he is like a man who built a house
upon the ground
without any foundation; | BUILT HOUSE
No Foundation |
| 6. against which the stream broke,
and immediately it fell,
and the ruin of that house was great. | FLOOD
House Falls |

[Kenneth E Bailey, *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*, 322]

Introduction

- A. The Parable of the Two Builders is found also in Matthew 7.24-27.

One commentator calls this a **Discipleship Parable**.

The Parable main point concerns **the Foundation**.

3 themes that move through the Parable:

Hear/do

Building a house

The storm/flood and its result.

- B. The listeners have seen many scenes like the ones Jesus gives here.

First, they had a particular time of the year when they built houses.

Now, we can imagine **the 2nd builder**.

Because of the hard work to build and the incessant heat, he opts for building his **foundation** for a one- or two-bedroom home on the clay.

The **first builder** thinks about what he wants and what he needs to do to build his house so that it can withstand the various weather conditions.

He lays his **foundation** on the rocks.



Jesus' Question v.46

Jesus asks a question: "Why do you call Me, Lord, Lord and do not do the things I tell (you)?"

Lord, Lord, suggest that they are only identifying with Jesus by claiming His name, **Lord**.

There are many, today, who when asked "Are you a Christian?" will say, "Yes, I'm a Christian."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer captured this when he asked the question: "Who are we for Christ today?" (*Letter and Paper from Prison*)

Let me put it more personally: "Who are you for Christ today?"

Then, there's the 2nd part of Jesus' "why" question: "and not do what I tell you?"

He follows the question with a statement: "Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and does them, I will show you what he is like."

Everyone who comes to Jesus is either building a strong foundation and weak one in their life with Christ.

And we build **a strong foundation** theologically through Scripture reading and study and through worship as we hear and then practice what we hear in Scripture.

But knowing who we are for Christ today, is more than merely knowing things about Christ.

It is putting into practice daily what we know.

Practical

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

How is it going in building your life for Christ today?

*Hymn No. 357 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
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Receiving the Morning Offering

Offertory François Couperin
 8. Duet between the tierces, from *Mass for the Parishes*

*Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
 —The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592; CCLI# 68003 Public Domain/One License# 96892 Public Domain

Prayers of the People (Prayers for our Future Pastor)

The Lord's Prayer
**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is
 the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

SENDING

*Hymn No. 388 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
 —The Presbyterian Hymnal, CCLI# 3715095/One License# 97959

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Fantasy in G major, BWV 572* J.S. Bach

*Join us for Fellowship Time
in Martin Hall after our worship service.*

ICE CREAM LOVERS

Please join us for an Ice Cream Social after worship on Sunday, August 4, 2024, in Martin Hall. We will have several flavors of ice cream with lots of toppings. See you all there. —The Fellowship and Nurture Committee

DONATE ONLINE



Use your mobile device to scan the QR code and donate online!

Any online donation should be made before the 27th of each month. When donations are received at the end of the month, the money is not always transferred to our account in time to be included in the month donated. It is included in next month's transfer, but at the end of the year that could cause a problem with your year-end totals.

PROJECT BACKPACK

St. John's will again be supporting local schools at the beginning of this school year with the annual Project Backpack. St. John's purchases backpacks and fills them with basic school supplies for distribution. We ask you to help provide the supplies that go inside.

Stuff backpacks August 6 in Martin Hall starting 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

School Supplies Needed:

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| Clorox or Lysol Wipes | Pencil Sharpeners |
| Colored Pencils (12 pack) | Pencil Top Erasers |
| Crayons (24 pack) | Pencils (#2) |
| Elmer's School Glue (Bottle) | Pocket Folders |
| Erasers | Rulers (with metric {cm} and inches) |
| Glue sticks | Scissors (blunt kids-size/or regular school scissors) |
| Kleenex (Boxes) | Composition Notebooks |
| Markers | Spiral Notebook |
| Pencil Box or Pouch | |

THE RENO BURRITO PROJECT was created with the intention of feeding and connecting with the houseless population of Reno. Beyond food, people need genuine human connection to nourish them, and both of these may be difficult for folks to get on a regular basis. Taking the time to talk to the community creates the opportunity to uplift each other and allows another human being to feel heard, seen, and valued. This outreach is also important in order to discover other potential needs that can be filled. For more information go to renoburritoproject.com.

Donations can be dropped off in Martin Hall labeled Reno Burrito Project:

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| Beans | Non-Perishable food items |
| Canned Goods (Pull Tabs only) | Shoes (Gently Used/New) |
| Dry Rice | Socks (New) |
| Grocery Bags | Underwear (New) |
| Hygiene Products | Water Bottles |

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	06/30/2024	Year to Date
Giving	\$ 44,429	\$ 204,745
<u>Other Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 6,665</u>	<u>\$ 34,396</u>
Total	\$ 51,094	\$ 239,141
Expenses	\$ (34,046)	\$ (224,106)
Difference	\$ 17,048	\$ 15,035

	Progress:	Goal:
75th Capital Improvement Campaign		
Pledged amount as of 04/30/2024	\$388,276.00	\$450,000.00
NON Pledged amount received as of 04/30/2024	\$62,195.18	
	<u>\$450,471.18</u>	100%
Pledged amount received as of 06/30/2024	\$181,311.00	
NON Pledge amount received as of 06/30/2024	\$63,415.18	
Total received as of 06/30/2024	<u>\$244,726.18</u>	53.8% of Goal

Staff

The Rev. Kent Meads, Interim Pastor
Elaine York, Pastor
Maria Winchester, Administrative Assistant
Liz Salas, Financial Secretary
Lucas Parke, Security Sexton

Music Staff

David Brock, Organist

Elders

Class of 2024

John Dutton, St. John's Children's Center
Rew Goodenow, Personnel
Winnie Kortemeier, Worship
Jeannine Stewart, Membership/Welcoming

Class of 2025

Aaron Karr, Multi Media
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Amy Willoughby, Nominating
Elaine York, Fellowship and Nurture

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Kathryn Smith, Christian Education
Stan White, Building and Grounds

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