

# *Trinity Church Welcomes You*

## **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Pastor Priscilla Hukki

\*Indicates standing as you are able.

**Bold indicates “in unison”.**

### **PRELUDE**

### **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

### **WELCOME**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

We gather to listen to the voice of Jesus say, “Come, follow me!” But will you follow when Jesus also calls you to release the hold wealth has on you?

**We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and we can with God’s help.**

We gather to remember all that God has taught us through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. But what about when we have to put what we know into action?

**We want to put our faith into action, and we can with God’s help.**

We gather to live into God’s economy of abundance, recognizing the riches of the prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that surround us. But what about when the world tempts us back into scarcity?

**We want to turn away from scarcity and choose God’s abundance, and we can with God’s help.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2024.*

### **\*OPENING HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH #577 vs. 1, 3, 4

1. God of grace, and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing  
of this hour, (of this hour) for the facing of this hour.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy  
kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal) lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee  
whom we adore, (we adore) serving thee whom we adore.

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## OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ  
our Sovereign. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 50: 4-9a*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know  
how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has  
opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave  
my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out  
the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The  
Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have  
set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he  
who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up  
together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the  
Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

God's Word for God's People

## PSALM

*Psalm 19*

(read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's  
handiwork.

**<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to  
another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not  
heard,

**<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a  
champion to run its course.

**<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **SECOND READING**

*James 3: 1-12*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig

tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

God's Word for God's People

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 8: 27-38*

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord

**SERMON**

Pastor Priscilla

**HYMN**

*Lord, Speak to Me*

UMH #463 vs, 1, 3, 4

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
in living echoes of thy tone;  
as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine  
erring children lost and lone.

3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious things thou dost impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,  
until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

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### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and set us again on the right path.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of glory,  
we confess that we have not sought your face.  
We ignore the needs of the  
poor and turn away from our own kin.  
We allow the gospel to go stale,  
and hide the light you have given.  
Forgive us; give us grace.  
By the renewing gifts of your Spirit  
inspire and empower us again  
to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Silent Confession)*

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*(from Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV)*

The LORD is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Thanks be to God!  
**Amen.**

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## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **OFFERING**

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary.

**\*OFFERING** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Gracious God, you are our provider and sustainer. We bring our gifts today, mindful of your abundant love and mercy. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we ask that you remind us of the call to let go of our earthly attachments and follow you wholeheartedly. Bless these gifts and use them to further your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience your grace and love. May our giving reflect our trust in you and our commitment to serve others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

(Mark 10:17-31) (From Discipleship Ministries, UMC)

## **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

### **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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. Receive the body and blood of Christ given for you. Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be your people in the world. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your Good News in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

### \*HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH #92 vs. 1, 4, 6

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;

#### *Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild; [*Refrain*]

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: [*Refrain*]

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## BENEDICTION

Beloved, God dwells among us! This is good news! Go now in the blessing of the ☩ Triune God who created you, redeems you, and sustains you to live and love as neighbors to God and one another. **Amen.**

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