

Trinity Church Welcomes You

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, September 21, 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**

He Has Made Me Glad

TFWS #2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

Refrain

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

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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

Jeremiah 11: 18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

God's Word for God's People

PSALM

Psalm 1

(read responsively)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING

James 3: 13 – 4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

God's Word for God's People

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 9: 30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord

SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. [Refrain]
2. Now I will not forget your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end. [Refrain]

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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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace TFWS #2171

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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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