



JULY 31/AUGUST 1, 2021

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING MUSIC

We begin this week's worship with a time to meditate on our theme expressed in the song "My God".

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

- ❖ We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties. - Oswald Chambers
- ❖ Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? - Corrie Ten Boom
- ❖ The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays. - Soren Kierkegaard
- ❖ The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us but that we will finally hear God. - William McGill.

PRAISE SONG: *"Hear My Prayer" (music at end of bulletin)*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills -- from where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord is our keeper.

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Lord, we follow you not because it is easy, but because it requires thought and effort to discern our priorities in this world. We pray that our lives will be used by you to your glory and honor. Amen.

OUR CONFESSION:

Leader: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, and especially our lack of persistence and patience.

People: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We have failed to be your obedient people. We have

become discouraged when things have not changed quickly enough for us. We have given up too easily when things have become difficult. Strengthen us and send us out once more to be your presence in this world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: God loves us and our world. Receive God's grace and forgiveness, and go to do the work that God has for us.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
(music at end of bulletin)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8 (The Message)

Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit. He said, "There was once a judge in some city who never gave God a thought and cared nothing for people. A widow in that city kept after him: 'My rights are being violated. Protect me!'

"He never gave her the time of day. But after this went on and on he said to himself, 'I care nothing what God thinks, even less what people think. But because this widow won't quit badgering me, I'd better do something and see that she gets justice—otherwise I'm going to end up beaten black-and-blue by her pounding.'"

Then the Master said, "Do you hear what that judge, corrupt as he is, is saying? So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won't he stick up for them? I assure you, he will. He will not drag his feet. But how much of that kind of persistent faith will the Son of Man find on the earth when he returns?"

MESSAGE: "Persist – Don't Desist" Pastor Cristy Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: "Leaning In" (music at end of bulletin)

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

Leader: Dismiss us, Lord, with confidence.

Ground us in hope.

Strengthen our faith.

Remind us of those things worth dying for,

That we might live in truth.

Help us never give up, never surrender to the powers of the world.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: “Light Shines in the Darkness” (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner. Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning. Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled. Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time. On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker. Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower of Jesus. Regular attender. Occasional attender. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box. Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love. We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry. Saint. Sinner. Democrat. Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering. We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed. We are all Beloved. —You are welcome here.**

COME *as you are.*

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Hear My Prayer

Chorus

Hear my prayer, O Lord, from the ends of the earth
 I cry. Your peace will lead me to the
 Rock that is high - er than I.

1.
 2.

Verse

For You have been my strength in times of trou
 - ble, a tow - er a - bove my en - e - mies.
 And Lord, I will a - bide with You for - ev
 - er in the shel - ter of Your wings.
 For You have been my - ter of Your wings.

1.
 2.

Repeat Chorus

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,
 Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;
 Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us
 love, send us pow'r send us grace.

Leaning In - A Prayer of Intention

We pray for the lone-ly ones know-ing
We pray for the wound-ed ones know-ing
We pray for the starv-ing ones know-ing
We pray for the dy-ing ones know-ing

that some of us are lone-ly, and
that some of us are wound-ed, and
that some of us are starv-ing, and
that some of us are dy-ing, and

we pray for the heart-bro-ken ones know-ing
we pray for the re-gret-ful ones know-ing
we pray for the im-pris-oned ones know-ing
we pray for the new-ly born ones know-ing

that some of us are heart-bro-ken.
that some of us are re-gret-ful.
that some of us are im-pris-oned.
that some of us are ar-riv-ing.

All - our hearts and minds are lean-ing in with
clear in - ten-tion, join - ing in your way of
love in the world.
heal-ing in the world.
jus-tice in the world.
love in the world.
A - - - men.

Light Shines in the Darkness

Oh the light shines in the dark - ness and the
light will not be o - ver - come. In this world
bro - ken and scat - tered the light will not be o - ver - come. *Last time end*
As our lives are turn - ing and our
Tears through - out cre - a - tion, torn a -
hearts are yearn - ing through the days of hurt - ing,
part re - la - tions, wounds a - cross the na - tions,
deep in the night still the flame burns bright.
hope may seem gone still the flame burns on.

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