



OCTOBER 22-23, 2022

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### ***MEDITATION PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP***

Generous and Caring God, we live as though the world owed us, and soon we forget that all we have comes from you. Creator God, we gather to thank you for your many blessings and to sing your praises. You have done wonderful things for us, and in gratitude we would serve you faithfully. Amen.

### ***PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

#### ***THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:***

- ❖ *God is. We are. In spite of our fumbles and because of God's grace, we are not daunted by the troubles of this age, nor are we fearful of what is to come. We do not bless God for our wealth, our health or for our feeble wisdom. We bless God that God is, that we are and that his promise and love shall be with us when time itself shall be no more. -Peter Gomes (American Preacher and Theologian)*
- ❖ *Sometimes, you will go through awful trials in your life and then a miracle happens--God heals you. Don't be disheartened when the people you love don't see things like you do. There will be Pharisees in your life that will laugh it off, deny that it happened, or will mock your experience based on righteousness they think you don't possess. God won't deny you a spiritual experience because you are not a spiritual leader. He loves everyone equal. The only people that really matter in life are the people that can "see" your heart and rejoice with you. - Shannon L. Alder (Author)*

#### ***CALL TO WORSHIP:***

Leader: Human generosity sometimes hinges on a budget.

**People: God's generosity remembers no restriction.**

Leader: Human compassion sometimes grows weary.

**People: God's compassion lasts.**

Leader: Human faithfulness sometimes sputters.

**People: God's faithfulness is firm.**

***PRAISE SONG:   Traveling Mercies (music at end of bulletin)***

## **OUR CONFESSION:**

*Leader:* God has called us to tend the earth as God's representatives. In dealing with the poor and outcasts, Jesus showed us how God would go about doing that work. Let us confess to God and before one another how far we have missed the mark.

***People:* We confess to you, O God who shares your very self with creation, that we are a selfish people. We have so much of the world's riches.**

**We are a people whose main health issues seem to be centered on our over-indulgences. We consume to the point of sickness and yet we crave more and more. We look at those who have so little and instead of feeling a need to share our over abundance with them we blame them for the lack. We decide they must not be in your favor or they would have as much as we do. We have become arrogant and proud instead of being ashamed of our wanton appetites.**

**Forgive us our greed and gluttony. Purge our appetites with an overabundance of care and concern for your children who suffer with little while we have so much. Give us the courage to act as you act, giving even ourselves so that others may live. Amen.**

*Leader:* Hear the good news, Jesus Christ comes to reclaim us lost sinners. Jesus invites you take up the cross and follow him in humble service to the poor, the neglected and the outcast. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit that you may be strengthened in your resolve and in your good works. Amen.

**CONFESSIOIN RESPONSE:   *Jubilee (music at end of bulletin)***

## **THE LESSONS:**

### **Joel 2:23-32**

*Joel was a prophet or spokesperson for God to Israel, God's chosen people who worshiped Him at the temple on a hill, Zion, in Jerusalem. After experiencing the destruction of their crops by locusts, Joel brings them this message of hope for the future, reversing all their previous negative experiences.*

O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put  
to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of  
smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great  
and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of  
the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who  
escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom  
the LORD calls.

## **Psalm 65**

*This Psalm gives thanks and praise to God for the bounty of the earth and also His awesome deeds  
experienced by people.*

Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near

to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.  
Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.  
You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.  
You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

**THE GOSPEL:**

**Luke 18:9-14**

*This is a parable or story of Jesus about two people praying to God in the temple, the righteous Jewish religious leader, a Pharisee, and the scorned one by many people, a collector of taxes.*

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

**MESSAGE: "God is Good All the Time?"**

**- Pastor David Schoob**

**MESSAGE RESPONSE: God is Good (music at end of bulletin)**

**THE PRAYERS**

## ***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 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, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

## ***THE SENDING OUT:***

One: Be forever blessed,

**All: Forever loved,**

One: Forever cradled in God's arms,

**All: Forever called by name.**

One: Go, knowing God's grace,

**All: Sharing God's peace,**

One: Living God's justice,

**All: Bearing God's blessing to all.**

## ***THE SENDING SONG: *Borning Cry* (music at end of bulletin)***

## ***THE DISMISSAL:***

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Traveling Mercies

Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time signature. The staff begins with a double bar line and repeat sign. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Trav' - ling mer - cies. love the jour - ney. God is

Musical staff 2: Continuation of the melody from staff 1.

with us on ev - 'ry road. Trav' - ling mer - cies, love the

Musical staff 3: Continuation of the melody. A circled cross symbol (⊕) is placed above the staff.

jour - ney, God is with us all the way home.

Musical staff 4: Continuation of the melody.

1. A sim - ple bless - ing that's of - ten spo - ken when it is  
2. Christ goes be - fore us, Christ walks be - hind us. Christ all a -  
3. Some - times our feet take two good steps for - ward on - ly to

Musical staff 5: Continuation of the melody.

time to take to the road. A ben - e - dic - tion to send us  
round us. Christ deep in - side, Christ in our laugh - ter and in our  
fall back ten steps be - hind. God's walk - ing with us, we're be - ing

Musical staff 6: Continuation of the melody.

for - ward trust - ing the Spir - it will lead us home.  
sor - row, Christ in our dark - ness burn - ing with light.  
guid - ed, grace of - ten writes straight with crook - ed lines.

Musical staff 7: Continuation of the melody. A circled cross symbol (⊕) is placed above the staff.

home. Trav' - ling mer - cies, love the jour - ney, God is

Musical staff 8: Continuation of the melody.

with us on ev - 'ry road. Trav' - ling mer - cies, love the

Musical staff 9: Continuation of the melody.

jour - ney. God is with us all the way home.

## Jubilee

Ju - bi - lee, a time of our Lord's fa - vor, all debts are  
freed, for - got - ten. Do you hear the call? Meet ev - 'ry need. Share your  
bread and your ta - ble in this year of Ju - bil - lee.  
There's hope in a day we've been pro - mised,  
"The Spir - it of the Lord is up - on me."  
- no more tears, riv - als for - give. God will bind up the brok  
Christ speaks I - sa - iah's pro - phe - cy. To an - nounce the now of  
- en - heart - ed. - Those with prop - er - ty will share their  
God's sav - ing mer - cy; bring cap - tives lib - er - ty and sight to  
har - vest - yield so that to - geth - er all will joy - ful - ly live.  
those who don't see so that to - geth - er all will joy - ful - ly live.

## God is Good

God is good all the time, He put a song  
of praise in this heart of mine; God is good all the time  
through the dark - est night His light will shine, God is  
good, God is good all the time.\_\_\_\_\_

Opening Refrain: (song leader)  
*Refrain: (congregation and CTP singers)*

*Verse 1: (CTP singers)*

**If you're walkin' through the valley, and there are shadows all around;  
Do not fear; He will guide you. He will keep you safe and sound.  
He has promised to never leave you, nor forsake you; and His Word is true.**

*Refrain: (congregation and CTP singers)*

*Verse 2: (CTP singers)*

**We were sinners so unworthy, still for us He chose to die,  
Filled us with His Holy Spirit, now we can stand and testify  
That His love is everlasting and His mercies they will never end.**

*Refrain: (congregation and CTP singers)*

*Verse 3: (CTP singers)*

**Though I may not understand all the plans you have for me;  
My life is in Your hands, and through the eyes of faith, I can clearly see.**

*Refrain: (congregation and CTP singers)*



Borning Cry

1. "I was there heard to hear won - your born - ing cry, I'll be  
 2. "When you the heard mid - to the won - der born of ing the Word, I was  
 3. "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, I not too

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there old, no cheer you ger on; you were raised to praise you  
 were liv - bap - tized Lord, to see your life un - fold. I was  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - long. If you  
 there find eve - ning gen - tly share clos - es a child, time in with and a you  
 faith join shut to your suit you as well; one, in a blaze of light you  
 shut your hearts wea - ry, eyes, I'll be there as make you have  
 wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise." *Repeat v. 1 to Fine*

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