

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 17, 2023



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Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. Bish

Call to Worship

We observe this day as the Lord's Day, giving thanks to God, who gives justice to the oppressed, who forgives us and redeems us, and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

**Let us worship the One who is worthy of our praise!**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\* Hymn #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Diademata

Call to Confession

We are not here to pass judgment on each other: all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Therefore, let us go before God as we offer our confession.

Prayer of Confession

**God our Judge, we admit we have double standards. We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others. Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive, showing others the same grace and mercy that you have generously shown to us. (Silence for Reflection)**

Declaration of Forgiveness

People of God, hear and believe: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to God's own steadfast love for us.

**As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us. Thanks be to God!**

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

\* Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was**

**conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Faith Formation Moment

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory "Amazing Grace"  
Emma Zwirn, Youth Soprano

\* Doxology (Hymn #606)

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 103: 8-13

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> **He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> **For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup> **As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

Anthem "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. Shrader  
Choir

Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.



<sup>23</sup> "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 14:19-31

<sup>19</sup> The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup> It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup> At the morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. <sup>25</sup> He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

<sup>26</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." <sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the

sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup> Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Meditation	"Running on Empty"	Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe
* Hymn #837	"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"	
* Benediction		
* Congregational Response (Hymn #306)	<b>Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.</b>	
* Postlude	"To God Be the Glory"	arr. Wagner
* <i>Denotes please stand if able.</i>		

WORSHIP NOTES

**Greeters:** Susan Kopyar and Linda Leitke

**Ushers:** Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner, Bill & Sandy Boland, Kathy Burns, Chris Baron

**Lay Reader:** Molly MacDonald      **Audio Tech:** Colin Earle


**Flowers:** The flowers this morning are given by Tammy & Glen Gynizio in celebration of the expected birth of their Grandson Harrison and by Ed Peart in celebration of Millicent's Birthday.

**Children's Worship Table:** Children are invited to the Children's Worship Table after the Faith Formation to enjoy this week's Children's Worship booklet and/or any of the other quiet activities in the Children's area.

*Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones*

Gail Alvaro, **Ajit Banerjee**, Billings Family, **Doris Boone**, Jason Bradley\*, Eliza Brown, **Al Burgess, Jim & Willa Burns**, Earl Cannon, Jasper Casey, John Chappa, **Hal Childs**, Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe, Dickiesons Family, **Joe Digby\***, William Downs, Patrick Floyd\*, Clarisa Gibson, **Gynizio Family**, Stanley Hannum\*, **Judy Hennenlotter, Cathie Huff**, A.J. Jebbia, **Bob Johnson, Gene Johnson, Javan N. Jones\*, Kathy Jones-Mills, Jennifer Kaczmarek**, Brady Klefman, Bruce Lee, **Florence Lyman**, Marissa Mallicote, **Ed Manen, Gloria Martin, Judy Mascenic, Marie McCray**, Declan Mitchell\*, Pam Mitchell-Hess, **Pat Olson**, Joseph C. Orr\*, William Patterson, **Helene Read**, Bradford Robinson, **Norma Rogero**, Ian Samuel, **Bob Settles**, Jennifer Sheringham\*, Sara Shoreland, **Diane Simmons, Bonnie Slager**, Michelle Smith, **Brian Thomas, Ryan Tugas\*, Tony & Doris Valenti**, Monique Warmington, Norma Warwell, Todd Whipper, Ben Whitenack, **Matthew Winternheimer\*, Theodore Winternheimer\***

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know.  
Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK					
Tarrena Gynizio	9/17		Millicent Peart	9/20	
Summer Kleinfelder	9/19		Nancy Tiernan	9/20	
Charles McCray	9/19		Edwina Tabit	9/21	
			Barbara Davis	9/23	

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**“SACRED ENCOUNTERS”**  
**The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts**  
**By Olive Mahabir**  
**Lesson 1: Elizabeth’s Sacred Encounter**

**MIRIAM:** Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>-10am-Bea Pison’s home, Maudie Parker-study leader  
**FAITH:** Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>-1pm-Kepler-Shirley Richards-study leader  
**MARY & MARTHA:** Sept 20<sup>th</sup>-6pm-Kepler-Meryl Hether-study leader  
**REBECCA:** Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>-10am-Mehaffey Hall-Shirley Wilson-study leader

Please note: The Bible Studies are open to all women so feel free to visit any one or all at the scheduled meeting time and place.

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN QUARTERLY GATHERING**  
Please join Presbyterian Women for a luncheon on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in Mehaffey Hall.

Guest Speaker will be Jacquelin Boykin, Corporate and Community Relations of Boggy Creek. She will be speaking about the facility and what they do for children with serious medical issues.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

**This week in our Church** (Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-12noon)  
**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:00 AM Kick-off Tailgate Fellowship Lunch (Mehaffey)

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
5:00 PM CCPC Board Meeting (Chapel)  
5:15 PM Youth Choir (Music Room)  
6:00 PM Session Meeting (Kepler)  
6:15 PM Cub Scouts-Pack 281 (Mehaffey, Calvin, Youth Rms)  
6:30 PM Community Chorus PC (Sanctuary)

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 AM Personnel Committee (Calvin)  
6:30 PM Scouts-Troops 281 & 4281 (Mehaffey, Calvin, Youth Rooms)

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 AM Miriam Circle (Pison’s Home)  
1:00 PM Faith Circle (Kepler)  
6:00 PM Mary & Martha Circle (Kepler)  
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
10:00 AM Rebecca Circle (Mehaffey)  
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)  
6:30 PM ALANON Meeting (Calvin)

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
6:30 PM NA Meeting (Mehaffey)

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
5-6:30PM Troopers (Mehaffey/Youth Rms)  
6-7:30PM Youth & Young Adult Fellowship (Mehaffey/Youth Rms)

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*Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a **worshipping, nurturing and serving** community.*