

The Lord's Day, November 15, 2020
The Christian Year: The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." (II Timothy 4:7-8)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Psalm 16:5-11**

Minister: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

People: **I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Minister: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

Unison: **You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

***Hymn of Adoration: "In Christ Alone" (SH No. 9)**

1 In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

O God of My Exodus: Great was the joy of Israel when Egypt died upon the shore. Far greater the joy when the Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust. Jesus strides forth as the victor, conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might. He bursts the bands of death, tramples the powers of darkness down, and lives forever. He, my gracious surety, apprehended for payment of my debt, comes forth from the prison house of the grave free, and triumphant over sin, Satan, and death. I praise you that in Christ I died, in him I rose, in his life I live, in his victory I triumph. His death is my life, his resurrection my peace, his ascension my hope, his prayers my comfort. In his name I come to you. Amen.

From "Resurrection" in The Valley of Vision

***Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q 45**

Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri (Tune: Ode to Joy)**

Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise;
In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty.
Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!

New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 15:50-58

***Hymn of Response: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Glory, Hallelujah!" (No. 281)**

1 I know that my Redeemer lives–
glory, hallelujah!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives–
glory, hallelujah!

Refrain:

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground–
glory, hallelujah!

The dead's alive and the lost is found–
glory, hallelujah!

3 He lives, to bless me with his love–
glory, hallelujah!

He lives to plead for me above–
glory, hallelujah! [Refrain]

4 He lives, all glory to his name!–
glory, hallelujah!

He lives, my Jesus, still the same–
glory, hallelujah! [Refrain]

2 He lives, he lives, who once was dead–
glory, hallelujah!

He lives, my everlasting Head–
glory, hallelujah! [Refrain]

The Prayers of the People

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, we pray that You will give us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of You, having the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we may know what is the hope to which You have called us, what are the riches of Your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of Your power toward us who believe, according to the working of Your great might that You worked in Christ when You raised him from the dead and seated him at Your right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. You have put all things under Christ's feet and have given him as head over all things to us, the church. It is in his name we come to You. Amen.

(from Ephesians 1)

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Before the Throne" (SH No. 6)**

1 Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2 When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

3 Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Worship of God Through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Genesis 49:29-50:14**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "Gathered to My People" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Response: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (No. 598)**

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

*Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Town Hall Meeting**

We will have a Town Hall Meeting at 6:00 p.m. this evening. Coffee and desserts will be provided.

➤ **Thanksgiving Meal**

We hope you'll be able to join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal on **November 22** at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up in the foyer or through the form sent through email.

➤ **Support the Deacon's Fund with the Purchase of a Handmade Bag**

Each Sunday after worship service until 12/13 and at the Thanksgiving and Chili Dinners, handmade, quilted tote bags/grocery bags will be available for \$25 each. All proceeds will be donated to the Deacon's Fund. It's a perfect time to purchase Christmas gifts and what better present for someone who has everything than a quilted grocery bag?

➤ **Operation Shoebox: Ends Today!**

The Mission Committee once again invites you to participate in Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoebox. Due to the pandemic, it is even more vital we reach our 2020 goal of 60 boxes to bring great Christmas joy to children living in impoverished countries. The drive **ends today**. Shoe boxes may be filled with coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, writing pads or other non-gender-specific items. Or you may decide to bless a girl or boy with gifts appropriate to their age level. Please keep in mind that candy, food items, toothpaste, and toys of war are not allowed. Through this wonderful charity, God gives the unparalleled opportunity to be a part of blessing boys and girls in over 150 countries. Many of these children have never received a gift and never heard the true meaning of Christmas until they open the shoeboxes. Gifts may be put in a wrapped shoebox, or you may use one of the boxes provided. You are asked to include a check for \$9 to help offset the cost of shipping and mark your box, indicating the age of the child. Shoeboxes need to be returned to CTK no later than this evening.

➤ **Women's Bible Study**

All women of the church are invited to participate in our twelve-week Bible study, which began September 10 and will continue through December 3. You may join us as we study the book of Ephesians, in the sanctuary every Thursday morning at 10:00 am.

Books are \$10 each and may be picked up at the church. Leaders Audrey B, Bev, Carolyn and Winnie look forward to sharing the Word with you. Bring a friend!