

September 24, 2023 ~ 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pattie Benoit, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: While we were yet sinners, God brought us back into relationship.

People: Through the work of Jesus Christ, sin and death were defeated.

Leader: Now we are new creations, dead to sin but alive in Christ.

People: Lord, work through us that we can be living testaments to your love and saving grace. Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn ~ "10,000 Reasons" (J. Myrin & M. Redman)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

God, we come to you with open hearts. We thank you for your love and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Lord, for the sins we have willfully done and the good we have left undone, forgive us. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #71 ~ *"Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"* (refrain)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stong-hold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"Shout to the Lord"* (refrain)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand, nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Offering Prayer

**Doxology#606 ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & Marsh)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 145

Special Music ~ *“Living Hope”* (P. Wickham & B. Johnson) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 20:1-16

Message ~ “Grace for All”

*Hymn #100 ~ *“Canticle of the Turning”*

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation ~ *“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*
Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison*

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.

*Hymn #542 ~ *“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response ~ *“You Shall Go Out with Joy”*
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Postlude

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The flowers are presented today by the Weber and Jones families in honor of
Mike and Margaret Weber’s 50th Wedding Anniversary.
The families invite all to join them in celebration following the service.

Highlights from the September 19 Session Meeting:

- The search for an accompanist is ongoing.
- The “*Heavens Connection*” Choir will begin rehearsing at St. Paul’s once a month.
- The 2023 Dress Ministry receipts to date: \$3,699.00. Donations to date: \$6,700.00 (which included funds carried over from 2022). In keeping with the mission of the ministry, all receipts are donated to charities.

CROP Hunger Walk – October 8, 2023 at Garden City Presbyterian Church. Registration for walkers begins at the church at 1:45PM. When you walk in the **CROP Hunger Walk**, you are raising money to help fight hunger, but you are also walking in solidarity with all of those people around the world who are walking for food, for water and for firewood each day. To become a Walker, please see **Kathy Van Eck (Sign up on the sheet in the lobby and she will assist with registering to walk and/or donate)**. The CROP Hunger Walk is truly about us all fighting hunger in many ways throughout the world! Come walk with us.

From the Faith Formation Committee...

You are invited to **Prayer Gatherings** to pray for our church, leadership, ministries and members as well as other concerns for 25 minutes on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We meet at 6:30PM online at [Hangouts Meet](#) via meet.google.com/ztu-mbuj-urm or by phone at +1 321-465-4985 PIN: 715 347 297# or prior to meetings in person in Room 11. We pray together, silently or aloud, depending upon your comfort level and God's leading, then close together with the Lord's Prayer. Anyone who is attending a meeting will have ample time to arrive on time to the 7PM meetings, so come a little early to join in prayer. We will also receive any specific prayer requests! These can be emailed to christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church by 5pm on the day of the Prayer Gathering or you can call Kathy Potter at 313-719-8467.

“For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.” Matthew 18:20. All are welcome to come pray together. If you are unable to come, please set aside that or another time at home or wherever you are to pray for our church family, our ministries, leadership, and the community that God has called us to serve.

Chancel Flowers may be ordered from the Board of Deacons for any of the remaining available Sundays in 2023. Order forms are in the office. Please check the chart on the lobby wall for an open date **before** placing your order.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers* 

Karen Erwin, Steve Boyak, Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank
Grace Erwin, August and Faith Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis
Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson
Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquinta ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean;
Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison
Adam Shilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis

