

October 9, 2022
18th Sunday after Pentecost

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake reflecting the surrounding mountains and forest. In the foreground, a wooden boat with a red life preserver is docked at a wooden pier. The sky is hazy, and the overall scene is peaceful and serene.

godliness
WITH CONTENTMENT
IS great gain.

A logo for the church featuring a stylized illustration of a church building with a cross on its roof, surrounded by trees and a small landscape.

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #786

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from **conception**. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

The Introit

Ps. 119:137-144

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

C Righteous are you, O Lord, and right are your just decrees.

P You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

C My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.

P Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

C Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.



Genesis 14:8-24

Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹ with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. ¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. ¹¹ So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹² They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way. ¹³ Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people. ¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹ And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' ²⁴ I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share."

1 Timothy 6:6-16

But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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 Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #425:1-4

"All Depends on Our Possessing"

**Luke 16:1-13**

He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. ²"So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'³ "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ 'I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.'⁵ "So he called every one of his master's debtors to *him*, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'⁷ "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'⁸ "So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. ⁹ "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous

mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. ¹⁰ "He who is faithful in *what is least* is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is least* is unjust also in much. ¹¹ "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? ¹² "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Serve God, Not Mammon (For God Serves You)

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

C *♩* **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

Hymn: TLH #430:1,4,6-8

"What Is the World to Me"

✠ **The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: WS #742

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

October 9th Offerings:

Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,570.75
General Fund Balance	\$ 1,607.69
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$21,303.17
Total Cash All Funds	\$28,886.05
	\$65,525.06

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 10 - 15, '22

Mon Luke 17:11-19 Jesus noticed the piteous cry of the ten lepers, sent them to the authorities, and on their way, he healed them. One of them, seeing that he was healed, turned back, praised God with a loud voice, and fell before Jesus, giving thanks. Jesus noted his faith, most evident in his praise to God. May our faith be so evident!

Tues 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 Paul is discussing the offerings being collected for the believers undergoing tribulation in Jerusalem. He reminds the Corinthian Christians that not only will their offerings help the needy, but they will also result in overflowing thanks and praise to God on the part of the recipients.

Wed Genesis 8:15-19 Although Noah showed resourcefulness in sending out birds to determine how rapidly the flood waters were receding from the earth, he still waited until God, who had told him to go into the ark, also told him to come out, together with all the animals. Truly Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD, and walked with Him (Gn 6:8,9).

Thurs Genesis 8:20-22 Noah, and all those on the ark with him, faced the task of refilling the earth, but first Noah, like the healed leper (Lk 17:15), turned back and praised God. We are not told of his rebuilding his home, but we are told of his building an altar and offering a large thanksgiving sacrifice to God.

Fri 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Paul, a prisoner in chains, encourages young Pastor Timothy to remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. He rejoices that the word of God is not bound by his chains, but bringing salvation, peace and joy to many who join in praising God for His inexpressible gift! (2 Co 9:15).

Sat Psalm 111 Praise and thanksgiving go together. In this Hallelujah Psalm, we are reminded of a multitude of reasons to return thanks to the LORD God, including our creation, our preservation, and our redemption, that singular glorious work by which He gives righteousness forever! (Cp.v3,9).