

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(\*=**please stand if you are able**)

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 46)

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**P: Amen.**

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

L: : Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**P: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

L: “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

**P: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge**

L: Let us worship the living God!

**HYMN OF THE MONTH**

**“KEEP HOPE ALIVE”**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (a prayer by John Calvin)

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

**All: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**“ARISE, SHINE”**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen up on you

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**JOB 42:1-6; 10-17**

Job answered the Lord: I know you can do anything; no plan of yours can be opposed successfully. You said, “Who is this darkening counsel without knowledge?” I have indeed spoken about things I didn’t understand, wonders beyond my comprehension. You said, “Listen and I will speak; I will question you and you will inform me.” My ears had heard about you, but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore, I relent and find comfort on dust and ashes. Then the Lord changed Job’s fortune when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord doubled all Job’s earlier possessions. All his brothers, sisters, and acquaintances came to him and ate food with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him concerning all the disaster the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a qesitah and a gold ring. Then the Lord blessed Job’s latter days more than his former ones. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named one Jemimah, a second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. No women in all the land were as beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave an inheritance to them along with their brothers. After this, Job lived 140 years and saw four generations of his children. Then Job died, old and satisfied.

L: This is the word of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**HEBREWS 7:23-28**

The others who became priests are numerous because death prevented them from continuing to serve. In contrast, he holds the office of priest permanently because he continues to serve forever. This is why he can completely save those who are approaching God through him, because he always lives to speak with God for them. It’s appropriate for us to have this kind of high priest: holy, innocent, incorrupt, separate from sinners, and raised high above the heavens. He doesn’t need to offer sacrifices every day like the other high priests, first for their own sins and then for the sins of the people. He did this once for all when he offered himself. The Law appoints people who are prone to weakness as high priests, but the content of the solemn pledge, which came after the Law, appointed a Son who has been made perfect forever.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**“WE DO NOT EVEN KNOW WHAT TO SAY”**

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

**HYMN** (See insert)

**“PROFETIZA, PUEBLO MÍO / YOU SHALL PROPHECY (1,2 Eng. and Sp.)”**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God’s promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God’s work among us in this time and place.

**RESPOND IN GRACE**

**“A GRATEFUL HEART”**

A grateful heart is what I bring,

a song of praise, my offering.

Among the saints I lift my voice:

in you, O God, I will rejoice.

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**“ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING”**

All creatures of God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with holden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (a prayer by Martin Luther)

O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (See Backpage)

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN** (See Insert)

**“OH FREEDOM”**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION** (Numbers 6:24–26, as used in John Calvin’s Strasbourg Liturgy)

God is Good! **All the time!** All the Time! **God is Good!**

The Lord bless you, and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance, and give you peace. Amen.

**THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

**AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Honor and praise be to you, O Lord our God, for all the tender mercies you have again given to us through another week. Continual thanks be to you for creating us in your own likeness; for redeeming us by the precious blood of your dear Son when we were lost; and for sanctifying us with the Holy Spirit.

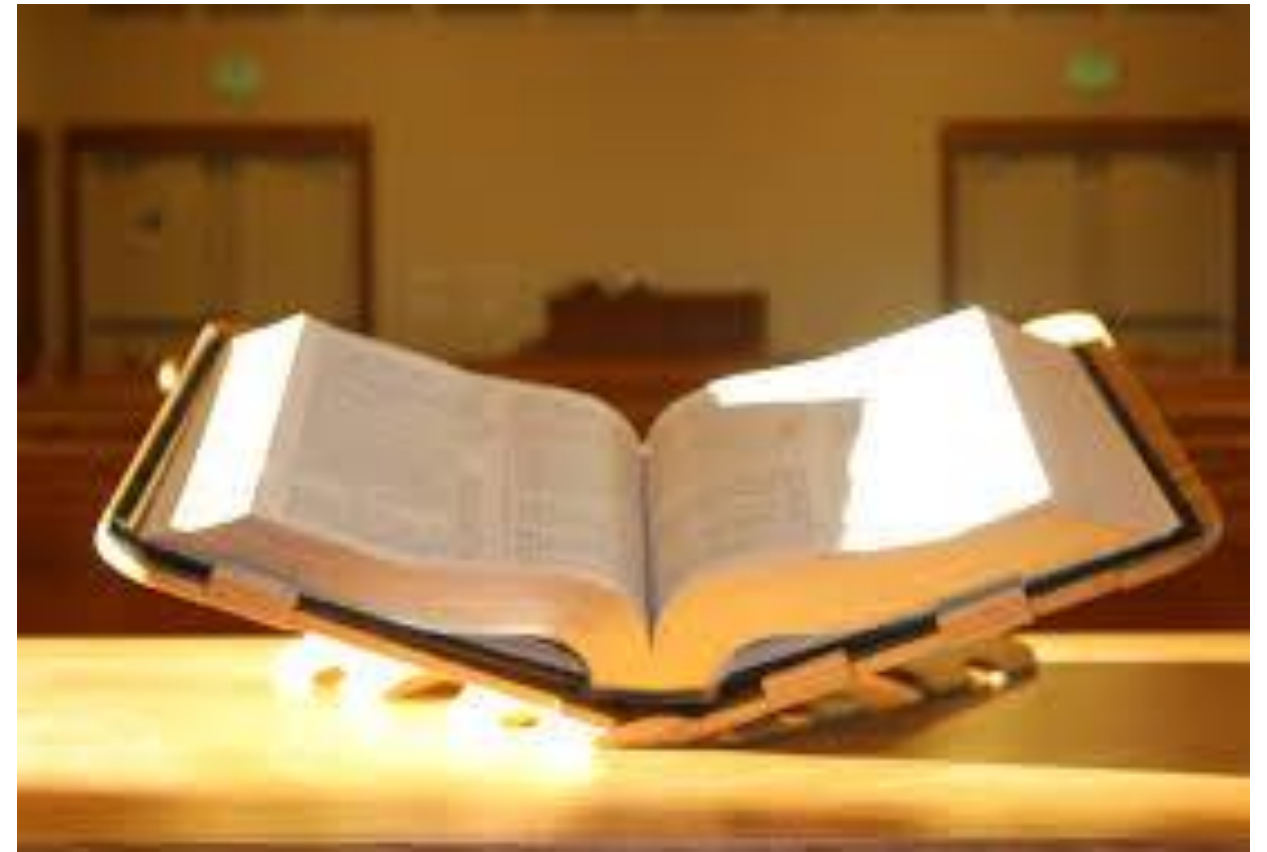
For your help and support with our needs; your protection in the many dangers of body and soul; your comfort in our sorrows; and for sparing us in life, and giving us so long a time to repent.

O God of all power, you have called from death the great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus: Comfort and defend the flock which you have redeemed; increase the number of true pastors; relieve and enlighten the heart of the weak; ease the pains of the afflicted, and especially of those who suffer for their witness to the truth.

Give us an increase of hope and love, together with a careful keeping of all your commandments, that no hardness of heart, no hypocrisy, no lust of the eyes, nor any methods of the world, may draw us away from obedience to you. And, since we now live in these most perilous times, let your providence defend us against all violence and harm.

We pray now that you would grant this request — that you would never allow us to grow so callous as to forget your many blessings, but rather, imprint and fix them firmly in our hearts, that we may grow and increase daily, more and more, in true faith, even as we wait for the coming of your kingdom as we pray as Jesus taught us, **“Our Father...”**.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024**



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## **EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024**

**In person hybrid worship** is at 11AM in the Sanctuary

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

One tap mobile

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**Hybrid English Bible Study** will be Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall or feel free to join us through zoom.

Zoom Link bible study

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Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 376 838 854

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**Spanish Bible Study** will be on Wednesdays.

**Coffee Hour** following worship today.

**The Next Worship Team Meeting November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11AM**

**Drumming for the Soul sessions will be on** Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

**We will be collecting money for Care Packages for Bedford Women's Correctional Facility.** The Last day for collection is today and we will be assembling the packages on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Church following worship. Each Care Package costs \$17 and we are looking to make 50. Please see Pastor Jeniffer for more information.

**Transforming Hearts of Forgiveness gathering will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

**Please Share your tithes and offerings** using the QR code below



### **Prayers and Praise**

Please prayer for our Nation

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Pleaser pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Nancy Marin

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Please pray for Warren's family

Please pray for Diana Behan and family.

## **Praise Songs and Hymns**

### **KEEP HOPE ALIVE**

Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive!  
Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive!  
Don't let the dream die!  
Got to keep hope alive!

### **PROFETIZA, PUEBLO MÍO / YOU SHALL PROPHESY**

*Estrillio:*

*Profetiza, Pueblo mío, profetiza una vez más,  
Que tu voz sea el eco del clamor de los pueblos en opresión.  
Profetiza, Pueblo mío, profetiza una vez más,  
Anunciándole a los pobres una nueva sociedad.*

Profeta te consagro sin duda ni temor,  
En tu andar por la historia sé fiel a tu misión. *(Estrillio)*

Anúnciale a los pueblos que Dios renovará  
Su pacto en la justicia; su amor florecerá *(Estrillio)*

*Refrain*

*You shall prophesy, all my people, you shall prophesy once more;  
That your voice may echo all the cries of the people who are oppressed.  
You shall prophesy, my people, you shall prophesy once more,  
to the poor announce the coming of a new society.*

"I consecrate you prophets!" Banish all doubt and fear;  
Be faithful to your mission, leading through history. *(Refrain)*

Announce to all the peoples the covenant renewed:  
The promise of God's justice, blossoming forth in peace. *(Refrain)*

### **OH, FREEDOM**

Oh, freedom, Oh, freedom,  
oh, freedom over me.

*Refrain:*

*And before I'd be a slave  
I'll be buried in my grave,  
and go home to my Lord and be free.*

No more moaning, no more moaning,  
no more moaning over me. *[Refrain]*

There'll be singing, there'll be singing,  
there'll be singing over me. *[Refrain]*