



TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost – September 24, 2023

We invite you to participate in worship, reading the parts in bold print. ♪ means All Sing!
** We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk.*

♪ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”

WELCOME

Pastor Joanie Tankersley

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*** OPENING PRAYER from Psalm 121**

Lord, I come today to experience your loving presence in my life and in our community.
Help me know more deeply that my help comes from you, the Maker of Heaven and earth.
You will not let my foot be moved, you who keep me will neither slumber nor sleep.
For you, Lord, will keep me from all evil and watch over my life.
I believe you will keep all my going out and coming in from this time and for evermore. Amen.

*** ♪ GATHERING SONG – “All Creatures of Our God and King”**

Congregation

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Time for silence and reflection

Our gracious God, help me honestly confess my brokenness before you. Am I willing to stop finger-pointing and look at my own faults? Am I willing to humbly ask forgiveness? Am I willing to forgive without needing to punish? Am I willing to take time to sit silently in your presence? Am I willing to be generous or reach out to help someone? God, may it be so! And please, Lord, give me strength to honor you with my attitudes and actions. For the love of Jesus, Amen.

*** SHARING OF THE LORD’S PEACE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ in a way that you feel most comfortable, saying “The peace of Christ be with you.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Vince Brennan

God, you are here to speak to me. It's your voice I want to hear. Keep my mind from shopping lists and football games. I open myself to being changed by your Word today. Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Timothy 4:7-8, 1 Corinthians 9:25

Don't waste time arguing over godless ideas and foolish tales. Train yourself to be godly; for while physical training is of some value, training for godliness is valuable in every way, promising benefits in this life and the life to come... Everyone who competes in the (Olympic) games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* ♪ PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD – “Christ Be My Light”

Congregation

* SECOND READING Romans 7:15-19, 24-25 edited; Hebrews 5:11-14

I do not understand my own actions. For what I want to do, I do not do; but I do the very thing I hate... I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but not the ability... What a wretched person I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!...

We'd like to say much more about this (Jesus who “learned obedience through the things which he suffered) but it's difficult to explain because you are spiritually dull and don't seem to want to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's Word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk is still a baby, who doesn't want to learn about living a godly life. But solid food is for the mature, who have trained themselves to distinguish between good and evil, right and wrong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION- “Do You Really Want to be a Godly Person?”

Pastor Joanie Tankersley

♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – “Change My Heart O God”

Congregation

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Creator God, you call us to give cheerfully and generously in response to all you have given us. Convince us that our tithes and offerings are a sacrificial act of our love for you and our determination to love our neighbor. Convict us to give ourselves in service to this church and our community; as well to give financially to TLPC and to disaster relief for the millions suffering beyond our imagination. Amen.

* ♪ SONG OF THANKS – “Doxology”

Congregation

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Joanie Tankersley

Please conclude your prayer with “Lord, in your mercy,” and all will respond, “Hear our prayer.”

* LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*** THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*** INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

♪ **COMMUNION SONG – “Abide in Me Good and Gracious God”**

Congregation

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, we have received this bread and this cup, your life and your love, in trust and faith that you offer us the strength and grace to become more like you, so that others will be blessed and drawn to know you, too. Amen.

* ♪ **SENDING SONG – “Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”**

Congregation

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD – ANNOUNCEMENTS *Birthdays/Anniversaries*

We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church, in our local community, and throughout the world.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** SENDING**

Go with a heart to become more like Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

*** POSTLUDE**

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We thank Pastor Joanie Tankersley for leading our worship service today!

We invite all to join us by giving to the ministry of TLPC. **We thank everyone who generously supports this ministry.** Gifts may be made online through our website at TLPC.org or mailed to: **Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, PO Box 10620, Truckee, CA 96162**

Our congregation has a heart for missions: locally, nationally, and in God's world. With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe–Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, during the pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Washoe people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this country their home.

