



TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost – October 8, 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 – “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Mountain Belles

WELCOME

Pastor Sarah Toney

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

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

Congregation

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Time for silence and reflection

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. Lord, open our hearts and minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST READING Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*** ♪ PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – “His Eye is on the Sparrow”**

Congregation

*** GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33-46**

[Jesus said to the people:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

 ‘The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;
 this was the Lord’s doing,
 and it is amazing in our eyes?’

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – “Disruption for All the Right Reasons”

Pastor Sarah Toney

♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Congregation

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Sarah Toney

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 – "One Bread, One Body"

Congregation

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Gracious God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationship with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant the animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and your servant Francis. Amen.

* SENDING SONG – "All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir"

Mountain Belles, Kathy Shaffer - Flute, Cooper Shaffer - Violin

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

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

*** SENDING**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** POSTLUDE – “Irish Blessing”**

Mountain Belles

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We thank Pastor Sarah Toney for leading our worship service today!

AND

**We thank the *Mountain Belles*, Cooper Shaffer, and Kathy Shaffer for blessing us with their musical talents
this morning!**

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.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church



Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
and silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O flowing waters, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
O praise him! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright
providing us with warmth and light,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator Bless,
And worship Him in Humbleness.
O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, Praise the Father, Praise the Son
and Praise the Spirit Three in one.
O Praise Him! O Praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
St. Francis of Assisi, William H. Draper

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for heaven and home.
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is He

Refrain: His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me,
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy.
I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me.

Let not your heart be troubled,
His tender words I hear,
And resting on His Goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears,
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see.

Refrain

Whenever I am tempted;
Whenever clouds arise.
When song gives place to sighing.
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free.

Refrain

Civilla Durfee Martin, Charles Hutchenson Gabriel

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

The King of Love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

And so, through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Psalm 23 (paraphrase by Henry W. Baker)

Tune: Irish Traditional

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain: One Bread, One Body, One Lord of all;
One cup of blessing which we bless,
and we though many throughout the earth,
we are one Body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one for all.

Refrain

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