



TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – July 21, 2024

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

WELCOME

Pastor Joanie Tankersley

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord God, everlasting and loving Father, thank you for bringing me in safety to this new day. Thank you for the privilege of being able to freely worship you. Thank you for the blessing of food to eat, a place to live, friends and family to enjoy, and opportunities to give and serve. May I never take these joys for granted! Please touch me and teach me by your presence as I worship today. Amen.

*** ♪ GATHERING SONG – “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

Congregation

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

Time for silence and reflection

God of all mercy, hear us as we humbly open our hearts to you and one another in confession:

Lord Jesus, I want to grow to more faithfully follow you. I don't like to admit the ways I hurt others and myself. I confess that I dishonor you and the life you've given me when I fail to follow the ways of Jesus I know so well. God, help me be honest with myself and with you about my sin. Thank you for forgiving me. I want to leave a legacy of faith at the end of my life that witnesses to your love and I need your help to do it. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*** SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE**

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

Lord Jesus, I pray that your Word today will be “a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” Give me the grace to take your message into my heart and live it out faithfully in all I do and say. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 20:17-24

Vince Brennan

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church, asking them to come and meet with him. When they arrived, he said to them: “You know that from the day I set foot in the province of Asia until now I have done the Lord's work humbly and with many tears. I have endured the trials that came to me from the plots of the Jews. You know I have not hesitated to tell you what you needed to hear, either publicly or in your homes. I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike – that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem not knowing what will happen to me there except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city prison and suffering await me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:1-11

I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: Proclaim the message of God. Be persistent, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently convince, correct and encourage your people with utmost patient teaching. For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths. But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News and fully carry out the ministry God has given you. As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not only for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION - “Seek First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness”

Pastor Joanie Tankersley

*** ♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – “Take My Life, That I May Be”**

Congregation

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Lord Jesus, you gave me life, your saving grace and your close presence. Help me respond by being a cheerful giver, offering my gifts to support the life and ministries of this church. I pray with thanksgiving for all my blessings, O God. Amen.

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 – “In the Singing”

Congregation

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Lord, I offer you my heartfelt thanks for encouraging and strengthening me through this sacrament to live strongly for you all the rest of my days. May my life stand as a testament to your goodness and mercy for generations to come. Amen.

*** ♪ SENDING SONG – “The Church’s One Foundation”**

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 in peace to live faithfully for the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** POSTLUDE**

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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.

