

# **Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 9:30am**



*Share Read Talk Pray Bless*

**Preparation For Worship:** Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

*Psalm 54:4*

**Opening Song**

**Believe For It**

**They say this mountain can't be moved  
They say these chains will never break  
But they don't know You like we do  
There is power in Your name**

**We've heard that there is no way through  
We've heard the tide will never change  
They haven't seen what You can do  
There is power in Your name  
So much power in Your name**

**Move the immovable  
Break the unbreakable  
God we believe  
God we believe for it**

**From the impossible  
We'll see a miracle  
God we believe  
God we believe for it**

**We know that hope is never lost  
Oh for there is still an empty grave  
God we believe not matter what  
There is power in Your name  
So much power in Your name**

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*Instrumental*

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You said it – it is done**

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## Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We live in the season of Pentecost, the time between Jesus' ascension and His return as King of kings.

*Genesis 3*

People: **For God so loved us that He has made a way for us that we may not perish, but have eternal life.**

Pastor: Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

*John 11*

People: **God is good!**

Pastor: All the time!

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People: **Therefore, since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have received access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.**

*Romans 5*

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us come to Him then with an honest heart to worship Him in spirit and truth. Sin entered into the world with the doubt of God. Doubting God, and choosing to not trust God, pain, sorrow, and death came. Sin is choosing a way other than God who is our Way, Truth, and Life. God calls us to choose life. Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent, and receive forgiveness, we join in prayer:

People: **You know me, Lord. There is nothing hidden from You. If I stood before You in all Your holiness on Judgment Day, and every secret sin I have committed and every idle word I have spoken came out as evidence I would be utterly guilty before You. So, I turn to You, trusting in Your word, confessing my sin, asking for Your forgiveness and grace. Thank You that You take away the sin of the world, and that includes mine. You have suffered me, loved me, and called me. I know, confess, and forsake my sin, and yield myself to You, Jesus, my Lord and Savior.**

*(reflection for confession)*

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and gives His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

People: **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Daily Text

He shall be the one of peace.

*Micah 5:5*

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

*1 Peter 3:9*

Pastor: Let us pray:

**People: Lord, You created this world as one of goodness and peace. Forgive me for the ways I have brought evil into the world around me. Teach me to turn from the allure of sin. As You endured suffering for the sake of my salvation, help me to endure insult and injury with a peaceful heart. Amen.**

## Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup> The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. <sup>19</sup> But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." <sup>20</sup> But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

The Psalm

Psalm 54

<sup>1</sup> O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might. <sup>2</sup> O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth. <sup>3</sup> For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves. <sup>4</sup> Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. <sup>5</sup> He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them. <sup>6</sup> With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. <sup>7</sup> For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Second Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. <sup>4:3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?

Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

**People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.**

*Psalm 119:105, John 6:68*

## Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Sermon Song

## Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
Nothing can compare You're our living hope  
Your Presence

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I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

*Interlude*

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**Sermon/Watchword**

*Talk --- New, Knew, Next*

Pr Knoll

Jesus Said To The Twelve, "Whoever Wants To Be First Must Be Last Of All  
And Servant Of All."

**Offering Song**

**Here I Am To Worship**

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You're my God.

And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

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King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.  
So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross  
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### Prayers of the Church *Pray*

*The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church, the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.*

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words...*

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

### Benediction *Bless*

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

People:(Sung)**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Blessing:** Child of God, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Pastor:** Our worship continues,

**People:** our service begins!

**Closing Song**

**Jesus Messiah**

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

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The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.  
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Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all, the Lord of all, the Lord of all.

### SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE

**Welcome To Worship At Zion.** We are pleased to have you join us. *If you are a visitor* please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Betty Kaltenbach and her son, Michael, from the family.

**The Jericho Road Ministries Annual Meeting** will be held next week after the 9:30am Worship Service.

**The September Mission of the Month** is Via de Christo. Numerous members of Zion have participated in weekend events designed to provide a profound personal spiritual connection with God and with other believers. Speak with Pr Knoll if you have questions. Use the Mission Envelopes to support this ministry.

#### Worship at Zion

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	G.I.F.T.
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Worship
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Chapel
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:30am</b>	G.I.F.T. Worship
	<b>11:30am</b>	Swahili-English Worship

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