

# **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**September 17, 2023 A.D.**

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Glorious and loving God, thank you for this day, this hour.

**P: Let us give all praise and honor to you.**

L: We praise the Lord, for it is God who saves us...

**P: It is God who forgives... it is God who delivers...**

L: Strengthen my resolve to love and show mercy throughout the day.

**P: Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place as I stand on holy ground.**

L: As we enter this time of worship, let us give thanks and sing praises to the Lord.

Call to Confession

With heads bowed and contrite hearts, let us come before our loving parent. Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

In Unison: ***Gracious and loving God, you lived for us – we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us-we have not forgiven others. You have loved us-we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. We confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our neighbors. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, close-minded in our beliefs, and judgemental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Take pity on us and forgive us God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen***

**Pastor:** People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

Our Response      **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what  
Peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because  
We do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

\*Hymn – ***I Danced in the Morning #302***

The Morning Scripture Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 NIV

### **The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold<sup>[b]</sup> was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.<sup>[c]</sup> He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

30 “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Sermon - **“You Want Me to Do What?”**      **Donna J. Dickinson, APS**

\*Hymn – ***Spirit of the Living God #322***

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology (Hymn #592)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all  
creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral response

***God Be With You Till We Meet Again***

***God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide,  
uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you  
till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till  
we meet again.***

Postlude

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