**October 2, 2022**

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| **17th Sunday after Pentecost** | **Liturgical Color: Green** |



Welcome to the church we love!  As Terre Haute's first established congregation we maintain a 195-year tradition of service to God.  We pray you will encounter the Spirit in worship with us.

We welcome children of all ages to worship with us throughout the service.  We have placed children's activity bags in front of the railing between the back entrances to the sanctuary.

Following the Children’s Lesson we offer the Children’s Worship program for ages 4 years through first grade.  Children can exit the sanctuary with the adult leaders.

Nursery care is available downstairs at the northeast corner of the building for ages birth through three years.

Please do not hesitate to ask our ushers any questions you may have.  Again, welcome!

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Prayer of the Day

*Strong and Sovereign God,*

*through the prophets you teach us*

*that the righteous live by their faith.*

*By your Spirit, strengthen our faith*

*so that we may serve you gladly*

*and follow you more faithfully;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Order of Worship for the Lord’s Day

*\* Indicates portions of the service for which*

*we invite all to stand in body or in spirit.*

God’s People Gathering

Prelude *Sing a New Song*  Schutte

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Leader: Come into God’s presence with singing!

**People: Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

\***Hymn #412** *God, Reveal Your Presence* arnsberg

**God calls us to Confession and Forgiveness**

\*Call to Confession

  Ours is a God of justice,

waiting to be gracious to us,

yearning to have pity on us.

Blessed are all who wait upon the Lord.

In penitence and faith,

let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, who sent a star**

**to guide people to the holy child Jesus,**

**we confess that we have not followed**

**the light of your word.**

**We have not searched for signs of your love**

**in the world, or trusted Good News to be good.**

**We have failed to praise your Son’s birth,**

**and broken his peace on earth.**

**We have expected little, and hoped for less.**

**Forgive our doubt, and renew us in all godly desires, that we may watch and wait**

**and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

*(Pause for silent reflection.)*

*Among baptism’s symbolic meanings is the reminder that Jesus atoned for our sins.  We pour water into the baptismal font just before the Assurance of Pardon to dramatize Jesus’ washing us clean.*

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The God of Love became one of us

that he might die as we die.

**People: He remained God that he might come back**

**to life.**

Leader: He became incarnate in human flesh

that we might know forgiveness

and live in peace.

Hear the Good News:

in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Our sins are forgotten, our hope secure. Hallelujah!**

\*Response *Gloria Patri* gloria patri

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, amen.

\***The Peace** *See John 20:19, 21, 26*

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Please note: the Worship has recommended that we resume the practice of moving about to share the Peace, for those comfortable with the practice.)*

The Word

**Children’s Lesson** Ellie Templeton

*After the lesson, children ages 4 years to 1st grade may leave*

*to attend Children’s Worship in room 200. Child care is*

*available for younger children in the nursery (enter through*

*room 108).*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**  Habakkuk 1:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,

and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”

and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing

and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack

and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

**Anthem**  *For This Bread, For This Wine* Purifoy

**Scripture Reading** II Timothy 1:3-14

I am grateful to God—

whom I worship with a clear conscience,

as my ancestors did—

when I remember you constantly

in my prayers night and day.

Recalling your tears,

I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

I am reminded of your sincere faith,

a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois

and your mother Eunice and now,

I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason I remind you

to rekindle the gift of God that is within you

through the laying on of my hands;

for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,

but rather a spirit of power

and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony

about our Lord or of me his prisoner,

but join with me in suffering for the gospel,

relying on the power of God,

who saved us and called us with a holy calling,

not according to our works

but according to his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus

before the ages began,

but it has now been revealed through the appearing

of our Savior Christ Jesus,

who abolished death and brought life and immortality

to light through the gospel.

For this gospel I was appointed a herald

and an apostle and a teacher,

and for this reason I suffer as I do.

But I am not ashamed,

for I know the one in whom I have put my trust,

and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day

what I have entrusted to him.

Hold to the standard of sound teaching

that you have heard from me,

in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,

with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

**Sermon** *Testify Without Shame* Rev. Mike Riggins

\***Hymn #525** *Let Us Break Bread Together* let us break bread

**God calls us to respond to the Word**

**Offering**

Offertory  *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*  arr. D. Bish

\*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

The Lord’s Supper

**Sacrament of Communion [[1]](#footnote-1)†**

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west,

and from north and south,

and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,

when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,

he took the bread, and blessed and broke it,

and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened

and they recognized him.

This is the Lord’s Table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him

to share the feast which he has prepared.

**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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy

to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things

and sustain them by your power.

You formed us in your image,

setting us in this world to love and to serve you,

and to live in peace with your whole creation.

When we rebelled against you

refusing to trust and obey you,

you did not reject us,

but still claimed us as your own.

You sent prophets to call us back to your way.

Then in the fullness of time,

out of your great love for the world,

you sent your only Son to be one of us,

to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with choirs of angels,

with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.   
 Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh

and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
 opened blind eyes,   
 broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom

to the poor and needy.

Dying on the cross,

he gave himself for the life of the world.

Rising from the grave,

he won for us victory over death.

Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life.

We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory,

and will come again to make all things new.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,

we take from your creation this bread and this wine

and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,

as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you

to be a living and holy sacrifice,

dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,

pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,

that the bread we break

and the cup we bless

may be the communion of the body

and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,

that we may be one with all who share this feast,

united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ’s body for us,

send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

In union with your church in heaven and on earth,

we pray, O God, that you will fulfill

your eternal purpose

in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service

until Christ comes in final victory,

and we shall feast with all your saints

in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,

now and forever.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

**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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion of the People**

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

(*All the bread being served during Communion today is gluten free.)*

Prayer After Communion

God of glory, in this holy feast

you have made us one with Christ

and with that great multitude of the faithful—

those who hunger and thirst no more

and worship night and day in your temple.

Lead us in the paths of righteousness

and guide us to the springs of the water of life,

until we join the choir of the redeemed,

singing: Salvation belongs to our God

who is seated on the throne,

and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\***Hymn #511** *Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven*  llanfair

\* Benediction

\* Choral Response

*\** Postlude *Allegro Moderato*  edited by D. Bish

Liturgist: Alan Harder

Hosts: Bill & Brenda Green   
Bus Assistant: Roger Nelson

Greeters: Gail Nattkemper

Attendance last Sunday: 74

**CALENDAR**

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| Sun. | 10:30 a.m. | Worship in sanctuary |
|  | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship time |
|  | 6:00 p.m. | High Point Youth hosting movie night at Central – open to all |
| Wed. | 7:30 p.m. | Bible study and brew |
| Thurs. | 6:00 p.m. | Women’s book club at Whalen home |
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For updated information please consult the main church calendar, which may be found online at our church website ([www.thcpc.org](http://www.thcpc.org)).   
   
 Check us out on Facebook

**Manna from Seven services**

**You may know Manna from Seven as a weekend food pantry. It is much more than that. It provides haircuts as well as**

**laundry service and so much more for our less fortunate neighbors. Manna from Seven spends around $250 weekly to**

**provide quarters (and detergent) so our less fortunate neighbors can launder their clothes. That is a lot of quarters!**

**Please help by dropping your quarters into the little green donation box in Fellowship Hall. Clean clothes provide a fresh-**

**start opportunity for these people. If you have questions, ask Rose Ray (a regular Central attendee) or another Central**

**Manna volunteer. As written in Matthew 25:40, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these**

**brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”**

**Adult Sunday School is underway!**

We are excited to be offering another Matthew 25 film series adult Sunday School class beginning on Sunday, September 25. This series will focus on systemic poverty and the group will spend about 6 weeks exploring several different films and will meet in the upstairs lounge.  
Thank you to Andrew Conner for leading this class!

**Operation Christmas Child 2022**

Central Presbyterian will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child program again this year. Boxes are available in the Fellowship Hall to take a fill. You can purchase items for boys or girls and the boxes will contain a brochure with instructions on how to fill. There are also fliers with suggestions on what to pack and where to shop. Filled boxes need to be returned to church by Sunday, October 30.

**No postage is necessary, our Deacons will be donating to cover all postage costs.**  
Donations can also be made online through [samaritanspurse.com/occ](http://samaritanspurse.com/occ)

**Prayer Partner Sunday**

Prayer partners, please save the date for Sunday, October 9! We will have a fun gathering here at church following worship from 11:45-12:30pm. [Contact Ellie](mailto:ellie@thcpc.org) with questions.

**Fifth Sunday Lunch & Pies for Pyoca!**

Church Life will host our Fifth Sunday Lunch on Sunday, October 30 following  
worship in Fellowship Hall. A main dish of meatloaf will be served and all are invited to bring a side dish to share.  
Our youth will provide Dessert as a special "Pies for Pyoca" dessert auction. They will be auctioning off sweet treats to help fund their planned retreat to PYOCA in November.

Church Staff

Rev. Mike Riggins, Pastor  
Mrs. Ellie Templeton, Christian Education Director  
 & Communications Coordinator

Mrs. Sarah Kelsheimer, Secretary

Dr. Mark Carlisle, Choir Director

Mr. Steve McCullough, Organist

Mr. Tim Ghogle, Youth Director

Mr. Alvin Stinnett, Caretaker & Bus Driver

**Prayers for the Week**

**Morning**

Light of the world,

shine upon our minds and hearts.

Spirit of truth,

guide us into all truth.

Holy Father, sanctify us through Thy truth,

and make us wise unto salvation,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

   -- Lawrence Tuttiett (1825-1897)

**Evening**

Lord, fill this night with Your radiance.

May I sleep in peace, and rise in joy,

to welcome the light of a new day in Your name.

I ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

   -- The Divine Office

Sunday Offering Counters:

Oct. 2 – Richard, Phil

Oct. 9 – Leanne, Scott

Oct. 16 –

Oct. 23 – Phillip, Richard

Oct. 30 -- Scott, Phillip

1. “The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended.”  Directory for Worship, W-3.0409 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)