

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**August 13, 2023 A.D.**  
**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor**

Gathering Music  
Welcome & Announcements  
Prelude

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

***P: who made heaven and earth.***

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. Praise the Lord.

***P: The name of the Lord be praised as we gather in his name this day.  
Amen!***

Call to Confession

L: The Lord be with you.

***P: And also with you.***

L: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

Let us pray . . .

In Unison: ***Merciful God, we find ourselves trapped in and lost in worldly concerns. Our attention is divided and we have gone astray. Call us back closer to you and hear our desire to renew a right spirit within us. Help us to trust, respect and love one another, so that the entire world will know we are Christians by our love. Amen.***

**Pastor:** Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us, Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old

life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

\*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 - ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #281***

The Morning Scripture Lessons: **Psalm 20:1-9**

**For the director of music. A psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> May the LORD answer you when you are in distress;  
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and grant you support from Zion.

<sup>3</sup> May he remember all your sacrifices  
and accept your burnt offerings.

<sup>4</sup> May he give you the desire of your heart  
and make all your plans succeed.

<sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your victory  
and lift up our banners in the name of our God.

May the LORD grant all your requests.

<sup>6</sup> Now this I know:

The LORD gives victory to his anointed.

He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary  
with the victorious power of his right hand.

<sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

<sup>8</sup> They are brought to their knees and fall,  
but we rise up and stand firm.

<sup>9</sup> LORD, give victory to the king!  
Answer us when we call!

## **Luke 11:1-13          Jesus' Teaching on Prayer**

**11** One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' <sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless boldness he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> "Which of your fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

<sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Sermon: ***Ask, Seek, Knock!***

\*Hymn - ***More Love to Thee, O Christ #359***

Presentation of Tithes & 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, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.***

Postlude

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Liturgist: Kristina Coy

Head Deacons: Beth Davis & Joshua Coy

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of John Thomas. Given by: Nancy Thomas

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\*Thank you, Matthew Blom, for sharing your musical talents with us today.