

# Pentecost 17 September 27, 2020

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## SILENT PRAYER

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to help your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake

God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister  
of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,

I therefore declare you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

# Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.  
 deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.  
 peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
 all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.  
 When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.  
 Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.  
 faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.  
 He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.  
 grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.



## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** **And also be with you**

**P** God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

*Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. <sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

**SOLO**

**song by May Friday**

## **SECOND READING: Philipians 2:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

## **The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter**

C Glory to you, O lord.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Cady**

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

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1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
 he lives to plead for me above;  
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 he lives my mansion to prepare;  
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 he lives and loves me to the end;  
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C 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 catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **PRAYERS**

- P:** Our God hears our ardent prayers. Let us pray for all in any need.
- AM:** For the Church of Christ in all its diversity, that it may be faithful and compassionate in all its words and works. Lord have mercy.
- AM:** For all who exercise authority in our civic life, that their words and deeds communicate the highest vision for human dignity, respect, and mutual service. Lord have mercy.
- AM:** For our wild and wondrous world, that we respect its power, and rejoice in its beauty. Lord have mercy.
- AM:** For all who bear the burden of injustice, illness, poverty, hatred, or calamity, that they may know healing, and that Christians may be agents of that healing. Lord have mercy.
- AM:** For any needs on our hearts that we lift to God at this time.....Lord have mercy.
- P:** Trusting in God's amazing grace, we humbly but confidently offer our petitions in Christ's name. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** **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**

**COMMUNION:**           **Please open your kit and take communion.**



# All Are Welcome

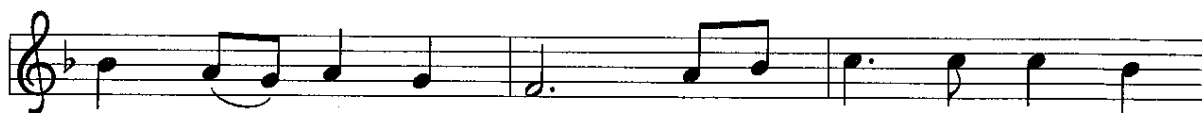
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.



## BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C Amen.

## CLOSING

- L Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.
- C Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

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***Presiding Pastor: Dr. G. Scott Cady  
Adrienne Weik: music director  
Steve DiStefano and the Weingart Family: broadcasting engineers  
Thank you to the assisting minister and the soloist  
and to all the ushers helping out today***



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jim Abbott  
Francine Ahrens  
Pat Alexander  
Vinnie Aparo  
Edie Balkun  
Mark Barkasy, Sr.  
Raymond Bazzolo  
Judith (Ross) Beatty  
Kevin Belkofer & Family  
Gaye Belli  
Jim Bement  
Rebecca Bement  
Richard Bertoli  
Gurvinder Bharara  
Armando Binelli  
Brian & Lisa Bodnar  
Joe Brancato  
George Bruno  
Karla Brusseau & Family  
Eddie Burns  
Theo & Victoria Camara  
Peter Carbone, Sr.  
Liz Clinton  
Jill Cochrhne  
Wayne Crossman  
Sigrid Devita  
Melissa Dias  
Doris & Dutch Deitman  
Gerard Doll  
Betsy Durstin  
Diane & Paul Edwards  
Judy Elliott  
Carol Falcone  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Christy Ferro  
Barbra Fletcher  
Ed Ford  
Mary Lynn Gagnon  
Bob & Ann Gioscia  
Carol Gesner  
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg  
Connie & Don Gugenheim  
Wayne Hall  
Owen Hanecak  
Erica Haraldsen  
Alexis Heintz  
Bill Heintz  
David Hilton  
Jim Hornfischer  
Vicki Jene  
Jenn Johnson & Family  
Steve Johnson  
Bob Jones  
Ed Killingbeck  
Lynn Killingbeck  
Rick and Christa Kozik  
Burke LaClair

Jeff Lajoie and family  
Lori Ledone & family  
Rebecca Little  
Tommy Locascio  
Judy Ludwig  
Rita Lundeen  
Ida Mallet  
Cynthia Marine  
Richard Marine  
Bob & Lynn Milano  
Barbara Miller  
Lonnie & Rose Moranino  
Richard Mortlock  
Carolyn Mosher  
Doris Murphy  
Michael Meyers  
Joyce Nalette  
Ron Nurnberg  
Greg O'Brien  
Tom O'Brien  
Cindy O'Dell  
Louis Pagano  
Bruce and Kathy Panella  
Gary Parker  
Marge Raspiller  
Gladys Reil  
Pat Reiley  
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-  
Blezard  
Grant Robinson  
Mary Rolfe  
Elfrieda Roller  
Chris Samele  
Paul Samele, Jr.  
Tom & Marianne Sedgwick  
Rosemary Schibi  
Gert Schlapfer  
Jay Shaw  
Tricia Sherwin  
Bob Sienko  
Marge Skaret  
Richard Stanhope  
Jon Sterling  
John & Robin Thurlough  
Ruth Torsiello  
Reid Underwood  
Cathy Winzler  
Jean Marie Witt  
Anna Woike

Helen  
JO  
Jaiden  
Mike  
Curran  
Janice  
Diane  
Jen  
Charlie  
Michelle  
Jessica  
Donna L.  
Rich S.  
Dustin  
Skylar  
Andrea  
Kayleigh  
Linda H.  
Tom S.  
Diane, Kayla, and family  
Bob  
Shannon H.  
Karen M.  
Ora  
Sharon  
Mason  
Louis F.  
Katherine T.  
Joyce-Ann  
Maryann Z.  
Oslo S.  
Diane  
Jack  
Max  
Lisa  
Erin and Family  
Tom D.  
Pam  
Jack & Barbara  
Lorraine  
The Maxwell Family  
The Loomis Family

### Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little  
Vinetta Nigels  
Doris Houk  
John Feldmann  
Elsie Santoro  
Dee Gammon  
Richard Regner

### Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.*

Pvt. Brennan Thompson  
Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Brion Olivero  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James  
Ernst USCG  
PFC Dominic Boscarino

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**If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.**

St. Paul's Fellowship Committee presents ...

# ***BAKED ZITI DINNER***

Served with meatballs, sausage link,  
salad, bread, & dessert bars

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4pm – 5pm • Pick up in the Narthex**

(837 Charles St., Torrington)

**50/50 raffle tickets can be purchased  
at meal pick up**

**\$13.00 per meal**

Proceeds to benefit

**St. Paul's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Angel Project\***

*\*For the first time we have postponed the Annual Fall Fair due to the pandemic; St. Paul's Women very generously help fund part of the Angel Project with funds raised at the Fair. Without that, help is needed to help make the Angel Project happen this year. For several years the need has outweighed contributions so we hope to offset costs with this dinner. Your support is appreciated.*

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Detach and return to the office or place in offering plate no later than October 18<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of meals: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13. each = Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

