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October 13th, 2024 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Sunday School 9:30 am, all are welcome.**
- **No Bible Study this coming Wednesday.**
- **Oct. 16th Fellowship Breakfast at Dutch House 10 am, all are welcome.**
- **Oct. 20th Chef Brad's Brunch, after Worship Service**
- **Oct. 23rd One Board Meeting at 5:30 pm**
- **Oct. 24th Luke Yates in Concert 7 pm**
- **Charge Conference November 2 at 6:00 p.m., held at Trinity UMC (30 West Front Street, Youngstown, 44503)**

Opening Prayer:

Lord, You have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear Your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve You. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be" #399**

Call to Worship:

L: It was easy to come to worship this morning.

P: We feel welcome and look forward to the worship service.

L: How hard it is to enter God's kingdom.

P: We must be ready to let go of the things that tie us down.

L: Get ready. God is waiting for you.

P: Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive Your word for us. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music: "Homeward Bound" by Steve Burbick

Offertory:

*Doxology #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, You are our provider and sustainer. We bring our gifts today, mindful of Your abundant love and mercy. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we ask that You remind us of the call to let go of our earthly attachments and follow you wholeheartedly. Bless these gifts and use them to further Your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience Your grace and love. May our giving reflect our trust in You and our commitment to serving others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message by Gabrielle Burbick

***Hymn of Preparation: "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036**

Old Testament Reading: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

Gloria Patri

#70

Message: "With God, All Things Are Possible" Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: Standing on the Promises 1, 2, & 4 #374**

*Benediction

***Sending: "God Be with You"**

*Postlude

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Dear Heavenly Father,

We praise Your name for allowing us to be in Your house to praise and worship You together.

Thank You for walking alongside us each day, tugging on our hearts, helping us to make the right decisions, and bringing us better health, all so we can serve You to the fullest.

We thank You for being with Inez's son Paul this past week. We know that He needs Your healing. We have seen You find favor in him before, and we ask that You continue to find favor in him. Be with his medical team, give them Your wisdom, so that their decisions for treatment are Yours. We know that You are the Great Physician, and with a whisper of Your voice he can be healed, so we do ask that Your will be done in his life.

Dear Heavenly Father, Lloyd continues to need Your healing. As the Psalmist cries out, I am sure he is crying out, how much longer, how much more? Dear Heavenly Father, we ask that You find favor in him once again and allow Your healing to take place in his body. All him the strength to fight the battle You have allowed in his body. And we ask that You allow him to win the battles that he is facing. All for Your glory.

We lift to You Don and Jackie Leonard, You know their needs and we ask that You guide them with Your wisdom, and bring a feeling of peace over them, allowing them to know You are near and You are in control.

We join Robert is praising Your name for allowing us to have faith in You. It is that faith that allows us to face the challenges in our lives, knowing that You will get us through. We ask that You continue to remind us that You are near, so that we don't try to do things on our own. Let us remember that with You all things are possible.

We join Anne in praying for her friend Betty who has just lost a daughter. Come alongside her and all those that have heavy hearts. Help them to get through their grief, play the memories they have created this side of heaven, embed them in their hearts so that their joy may be restored in time. Comfort them with You compassion and empathy, allowing them to have a feeling of peace.

Dear Heavenly Father, we are an aging congregation, and every day we see changes, in our lives, and our health. We know that You never stop loving us, You never stop using us, and You never will leave us. As we enter into a new chapter of our lives, help us to hold onto You. Guide us with Your steps, so that we continue to know what You would have us do for You in every chapter. You truly are the author of our lives, and You have told Your people in times of trouble that You have a plan for them, and it is good. May You allow us to know the same, and may we hold onto that as we live out each day of our lives with and for You.

Many in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia are putting their lives back together again in the aftermath of the Hurricanes that have torn through their communities and their homes. Many have lost their lives, and some have still not been found. We ask that You guide those to the ones that are yet still alive. We thank You for guiding the winds of the second hurricane, we know that Your hand was in it, due to the many lives that were saved.

Thank You for placing the desire in the hearts of many to help. Many put their own lives in danger to save another. Thank You for the communities that reflect You as they show through their actions that they do love their neighbors as they love themselves.

May each person that is dealing with loss, come to know You, or come to know You more through Your people around them.

The evil in this world is showing up in so many places, near and far. Wars that seem to be escalating, may You guide Your people and protect them from the harm that is trying to destroy them. In our backyards, we have neighbors, and family members, dealing with human trafficking, and addiction of all kinds. May You extend Your hand of protection, and Your hand of healing upon those that are in it, and the families that are looking for hope and guidance. May each of them hear Your voice and find their way out. All for Your glory.

We ask that You be with the Youth in our world today. May You guide their teachers, parents, grandparents, and others who will influence them with not just words but more so with their actions. Bring to them Your wisdom so that in the teaching process the children will hear Your desires, Your ways, and Your truth. So that they will grow to have faith and trust in You, and they will not be led astray by the ways of this world.

Thank You for the leaders of this church and their passion to do what is right in Your eyes. Guide us and keep us. Allow us to hear the cries of our church family and the cries of our community so that we will know their needs. Equip us with the ability to fill these needs so that they may see You in us. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen