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9:15 AM — October 2, 2022 — Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
ALIVE! Worship Service

Setting Eight

INTRODUCTION

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

GATHERING HYMNS

We've Come This Far by Faith

Refrain – All

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;
trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.
Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this far by
faith. We've come this far by faith.

Leader

1 Just re-mem-ber the good things God has
2 Don't be dis-cour-aged with trou-ble in your
done, things that seemed im-pos-si-ble; oh,
life; he'll bear your . . . bur-dens, and

Refrain

praise him for the vic-t'ries he has won. Oh!
move . . . all the dis-cord and strife. Oh!

Text: Albert A. Goodson, 1933–2003

Music: THIS FAR BY FAITH, Albert A. Goodson

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FAITH ALIVE

Call my name and I'll rise up from my sleeping
Give the Word and I'll leave my world behind
All these days like a gentle water falling
Now growing and flowing till I'm swept away
Give me bread for the journey, oh Jesus, I pray
Light my way with faith alive, Light my way with faith alive
Let me burn so bright, burn with faith alive

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Build Us Up, Lord

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

Text: Mark Glaesar b. 1956, and Donna Hannah b. 1952

Music: Mark Glaesar and Donna Hanna

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PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

KYRIE

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Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda 1 2
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us. *to stanza 3*

Coda
ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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1950

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A READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from 2 Timothy.

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I 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. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I 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. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do 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, ⁹who 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, ¹⁰but 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. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and 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. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Larry Olson

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

We Believe

Travis Ryan, Matthew Hooper, and Richie Fike

Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
(We believe)

Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe

Ending

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven **✝** and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

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You are my God

You are my God, I am your ser - vant.
 You are my King, my Lord and Sav - ior.
 You are my friend, my joy and com - fort.
 You are my Lord, you are my God.
 Hear, hear the an - gels sing, all cre - a - tion bring you the
 glo - ry. And I will lift my heart in faith, lift my eyes to
 see you in ho - li - ness, in righ - teous -
 ness, in maj - es - ty; you are my God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

COMMUNION HYMN

1043

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck b. 1947
Music: Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African : tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984
Music: Spitj Afrocam arr. Freedom IS Coming
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Clara Conrad's birthday September 29th and John & Clara's wedding anniversary September 28th given by Karen & John, Deb & Hannah, David and Daniel.

Bulletin Covers. Today's bulletin covers are given in loving memory of Cathy Sox given by Chris Sox.

Worship Assistants

Lector

Greeter

Usher

Communion Assistant

Patsy Gambrell

Paul Jacobs

Julianne Jones

Chrismon Circle Ministry



Welcome to our new Chrismon Circle Ministry! We worked on our Chrismons during VBS this year. We have to redo all of our Chrismons due to the fire in April. We now officially have our own Chrismon Room and it's wonderful to have a dedicated space. If you are interested in joining us, please let Pam Hoskins (803-546-5655 or pamhhoskins@gmail.com) know so she can add you to the email list. Our plan is to meet every Tuesday starting in October. We will have times to meet during the daytime for those who are retired or may not want to be out in the evening. We will also have an evening time for those who are working, in school or can't meet during the day. No experience is required. Most of our Chrismons are made with styrofoam, Elmer's glue, beads, and glitter. We will assess at the end of October for our November schedule.

This Week at Mt. Tabor...**Today, Sunday, October 2 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 am – Matins Service/Holy Communion
9:15 am – ALIVE! Service-Holy Communion
10:00 am – Coffee-Fellowship/MT Cafe
10:15 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Traditional Service/Holy Communion

Monday, October 3

9:30 am – Quilting Ministry/ECR
5:15 pm – Positively Fit/ECR
7:00 pm – Mt. Tabor Ringers

Tuesday, October 4

10:30 am – Staff Meeting
5:30 pm – Pipers Practice/AR
6:30 pm – NA Meeting/ECR
6:30 pm – ALIVE Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 5

9:00 am – E-News deadline
10:00 am – Bulletin deadline
10:30 am – Sunshine Club
12:00 pm – Noon Eucharist
3:30 pm – Sing & Celebrate
4:45 pm – Children's Choirs
5:45pm - FCHM Committee/ECR
6:30 pm – Adult Choir

Thursday, October 6

10:00 am – Bulletin Deadline
5:15 pm –Positively Fit/ECR

Saturday, October 8

Adam Self Wedding

Sunday, October 9 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am – Matins Service/Holy Communion
9:15 am – ALIVE! Service /Holy Communion
10:00 am – Coffee-Fellowship/MT Cafe
10:15 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Traditional Service/Holy Communion
6:00 pm - Standing Committees**
6:00 pm –Council Meeting

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Love Offering

Homeworks

God's Helping Hands Needs

Oatmeal, Mac n' Cheese, Grits,
Jelly, Fruit Juice, Cookies, Rice, Jiffy Mix

HUGS for the Homeless

Our Early Rising Men are taking donations again this year for the HUGS program. This program provides hats, underwear, gloves, socks, coats, umbrellas, ponchos, towels, washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and food for the homeless through several area shelters and recovery centers. Won't you consider helping "the least of these", our homeless brothers and sisters in the Midlands and make a donation to our HUGS program. For \$25, you can provide a quilted vest, winter hat, ski gloves and socks for a homeless man or woman. Please make your check payable to Mt. Tabor and designate for HUGS. Or, you can go to our website www.mttaborlutheran.org and make an online donation by clicking on the HUGS picture.

Thanks for your support!



Don't forget about our **Blessing Box** by the Park. This box is to be filled with any blessing that someone else could use: food, blankets, water, etc... anything that could communicate God's love to God's people. Please bring something to add to our box & may God bless you for it!

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Karen Holton, Jensen Redmond, Nancy Lee, Logan O'Neal, Jeanne Smith, John Payne, Chris Corbacho, Brandon Haltiwinger, Miranda Downing, Lisa Bailey

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Melvin Manus, Paul Jacobs, Ronnie Hutto, Hannah Fogle.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Roberta Wessinger, Barbara Bradshaw, Sharon Mattern, Jackie Macaulay, David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Jeanie Jacobs, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Jennifer Brazell, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Bill Hunnicutt.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Molly Gilbert, Bob & Shirley Spruill, Henry Gainey, Stacy Carns, Jordan Mellichamp, Charles Hite, Tyler Carter, Rev. Dr. Paul Harmon, Steve Collum, John Bundrick, Lori Gladiness.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Valerie Jan Brazell, Oscar Rabon, Jean Jones, William Florence, Bobby Lunn, Sylvia Marchant, Nancy Butler, Carroll Hutchinson.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than two months will be removed.

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