



# 17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2020

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Topeka, KS

## GATHERING

*We gather as the Body of Christ to Encounter God in worship.*

### Prelude

*How Deep The Father's Love For Us*  
S. Townsend

### Welcome and Announcements

Jon Farrell-Higgins

## CENTERING WORDS

*Is reading the Bible a regular practice for you? What are ways that you hear, see, and experience the Word of God?*

### Opening Words

### Prayer of the Day

Unison

**Holy God,  
you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness.  
Help us receive your commandments as grace  
and live as your obedient children  
that your goodness may shine through us,  
to the glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Musical Interlude

### Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Holy God, your glory and abundance is displayed around us, yet we doubt your presence. You call to us through the voices of creation, but we do not listen. You speak to us through the prophets, but we ignore their teachings. Forgive us for not seeing with your eyes and hearing with your ears. Help us to pay more attention to your words than our own.**  
*(time for silent prayer)*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.*

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson**

Psalm 19

Look up to the skies and you'll see God's glory and the work that God has done. The days tell stories to each other and the nights tell each other the news. They can't use words like we do, but they still speak. They leave us messages everywhere.

**You are my strength, God. You're the one who makes me whole.**

When we see a sunrise over the sea, it's like God putting it to bed beneath the waters, and it makes its entrance in the morning from the deep like a runner ready for a marathon. The sun fills every corner of the sky at noon and heats up all you can see. God's words are just what I need. They give me reason to get up in the morning.

**You are my strength, God. You're the one who makes me whole.**

God's words for me put light in my eyes and clear my head in the morning. God's words are precious to me, and like honey on my lips. They are wise and make my heart glad.

**You are my strength, God. You're the one who makes me whole.**

If I can follow them, I know I'll be a better person and a better friend to all. God, keep speaking to me in ways that make me a better person. Help me pay more attention to your words than I do my own thinking, and I will be whole. Let the words on my heart and in my mouth be good ones, God.

**You are my strength, God. You're the one who makes me whole.**

This the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Special Music**

*Classic Trio*  
G. Young / Brad Stipcak, Organ

**Second Lesson**

Matthew 5: 14-16

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our Substance.*

**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

*My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord*  
arr. M. Burkhardt / Brad Stipcak, Organ

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

SENDING FORTH

*Worship Equips Us To Go Forth To Serve God In The World.*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

*Your Grace is Enough*  
M. Maher

~Please rise in body or in spirit.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are provided to the glory of God by Mary Nestor in loving memory of her dad's birthday.

### Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider  
Jon Farrell-Higgins, Liturgist  
Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music, Organ  
Jaron Marcus, Piano  
Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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