

October 14, 2018
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Please, as a courtesy to others and to God, silence your cell phones.

Everyone, please check in at the attendance notebook that is in the hallway outside of the west sanctuary door. Visitors, please place your name and address in the section marked, "Visitors".

*Asterisk indicates to please stand, only if you feel able.

GREETING

Announcements, testimonials, church news, birthdays & anniversaries

PRELUDE

Please be in an attitude of worship as the acolytes bring forth the light.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

Please see the screen at the altar or the next page.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 22:1-5
#752 IN HYMNAL

MARK 10:17-33
p. 44 IN PEW BIBLE

WORSHIP IN SONG #365

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Please sing vv. 1, 3, 4

Please remain seated. Those that wish may write their concerns / praises on the prayer cards that you will find in the rack on the pew in front of you. They will be picked up on the last verse of this hymn.

SHARING JOYS / CONCERNS

The altar is open—come and pray

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER
#895 IN HYMNAL

AMEN

#898 IN HYMNAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Thank you for placing your offering in the offering chest

JOB 23:1-9, 16-17
p. 457 IN PEW BIBLE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Job's Lament"

Pastor Judi Early

The APOSTLES' CREED
#881 IN HYMNAL

***WORSHIP IN SONG #530**
"Are Ye Able"

Please sing vv. 1, 2, 4

***BENEDICTION**

***GO FORTH w/the LIGHT**
"He Is Able"

(See bottom of Praise Songs)

SONGS of PRAISE

(or see the screen at the altar)

YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE

You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You.
I will trust in You, let the weak say
I am strong in the strength of the Lord.
You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You.
I will trust in You, let the weak say
I am strong in the strength of the Lord,
I will trust in You.

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy.

GO FORTH w/the LIGHT
HE IS ABLE

He is able, more than able to accomplish what concerns me today. He is able, more than able, to handle anything that comes my way. He is able, more than able, to do much more than I could ever dream. He is able, more than able, to make me what he wants me to be.

THOUGHT for the DAY

By the time we get to the twenty-third chapter of Job, a lot of water has gone under the bridge. The broken, but altogether devout, man we left in the early narrative section has met his prosperity-gospel friends. They've tried to convince him that God is just, and therefore his own egregious sins are the cause of his calamitous misfortunes. There can be no other explanation: *God is a just God.*

But, the more they've pressed that point, the more Job comes to his own conclusion: Since he knows that he's innocent, it is clear that God has mistreated him.

For Job, there can be no other explanation: *he has done nothing wrong.*

Job then wants to have a day in court. He wants an arbiter: a "redeemer," or "go'el" to intercede on his behalf. He's utterly convinced that if he can get someone to plead his case to God, and for God to hear him, that he will be vindicated.

And, honestly, it's really hard to not side with Job on this one. I'm mean if Job did get his day in court...what would God say? Job lost his family, fortune, and health ...on a bet? With the devil?

But that's where the storyline breaks under the point of the whole book. This whole thing really has nothing to do with the particulars of Job's story. The story of Job is the story of every righteous victim. It's the story of every good person to whom bad things have happened, and, in that case, it isn't that Job's friends are right, and that he's actually deserved his tragedy. They aren't right, and in the end of the book God Himself says so plainly.

Bad things don't happen to us because we've deserved them. As Jesus says, "the rain falls on the just and the unjust alike." (Matthew 5:45). But, when horrific things happen to us, it *also* isn't the case that we've been wronged by God.

Every time life collapses in front of us and we're left sitting in the dust, it isn't time to blame ourselves or blame God. Most of the time, there is no one to blame. No one is found at fault. That is, at its core, what The Book of Job is about.

But, when you come back to the storyline, The Book of Job is also about having the freedom to feel and utter such thoughts. Job is reeling from a horrific turn in life, and as a person in relationship with God he turns to God in the process of mourning. And, like all of us in Job's shoes, we want to know "why." Sometimes we ask why like a shy little mouse, and other times we roar it into the night. The Book of Job tells us that it's OK to ask such questions of God. In fact, it is the faithful response.

And, Job, like us, learns that there are no easy answers to those "why's," if there are answers at all.

OCTOBER CALENDAR and DAILY LESSONS

Each Sunday schedule •10 a.m. Sunday school•10:45 a.m. Coffee fellowship•11 a.m. Worship / On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate Communion and recognize birthdays and anniversaries. •Upstairs Ladies meet @ 10 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. •9 a.m. Choir rehearsal

NOTE Pastor Judi's Schedule: Mon. & Tues. @Trinity UMC, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wed. & Thurs. @Christ's UMC, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

SUN 14	21 st Sunday after Pentecost Donation Sunday (See "Perpetual Donations" on back cover) <i>Psalm 22:1-5; Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-33</i>
MON 15	<i>Psalm 39; Job 26:1-14; Revelation 7:9-17</i>
TUE S 16	<i>Psalm 39; Job 28:12–29:10; Revelation 8:1-5</i>
WED 17	10 a.m. Bible Study @Christ's UMC <i>Psalm 39; Job 32:1-22; Luke 16:19-31</i>
THU 18	7 p.m. Thirty on Thursday (Prayer Time) <i>Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35; Job 36:1-16; Romans 15:7-13</i>
FRI 19	<i>Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35; Job 37:1-24; Revelation 17:1-18</i>
SAT 20	Hot rods to fight Leukemia (See announcements) <i>Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35; Job 39:1-30; Luke 22:24-30</i>
SUN 21	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost <i>Psalm 104:1-9; Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45</i>

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE / OFFERING

Average Monthly Offering Needed - \$7,711

OCT. 7 - 38 / \$1,460

FOR THE MONTH TOTALS - 38 / \$1,460

Thank you!