

# 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 27, 2024

10:00 a.m.

## — THE APPROACH TO GOD —

PRELUDE      *Andante Tranquillo*      Percy W. Whitlock

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, give thanks to the Lord!

**For his love endures forever!**

For the mercy God has shown us.

**His love endures forever.**

For the faithfulness God has shown.

**His love endures forever!**

For the gift of this community to encourage and equip one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia! God's love endures forever!**

SALUTATION

\*HYMN      A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - #776  
Tune: EIN FESTE BURG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on us, O God. We have sinned against you and against one another in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, God and heal us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?  
**We do.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

\*HYMN

Gloria Patri - #961

— THE WORD OF GOD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:25-37

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This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: *This House Has Roommates?*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

— THE RESPONSE TO GOD —

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*HYMN Remembering with Love and Hope - #809  
Tune: LAND OF REST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND

SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Travenlin' Man*

spiritual, arr. by Nancy Strang

Who is my neighbor? Jesus tell me 'cause I need to know!

Lemme tell you a story (Jesus tell me)

'bout a travelin' man, (Jesus tell me)

Jesus said, he was robbed and beaten and left to die,

and there was no help from the passers by,

lemme tell you a story 'bout a travelin' man.

Along came a priest and crossed the road!

Along came a Levite and crossed the road!

But along came a Samaritan he bound his wounds,

and took him to the Inn,

he paid his way for many a day, the good samaritan!

So who was the neighbor, Jesus questioned,

who was the neighbor to the travelin' man?



CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

EDUCATION HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Preschool-First Grade - Room 2; Second-Fifth Grade - Room 1; 6th-8th grades - Room 11; Senior High - Youth Room.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:15-12:15, meets in the chapel.

“Literary Homesickness” led by Mark Hiskes. Next week: “Talking Across the Divide” led by Dan Rooks.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Sunday</b>		9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
8:45 a.m.	Kamerkoor		(zoom)
10:00 a.m.	English Worship Service	5:30 p.m.	LIFT Dinner
		6:15 p.m.	LIFT Classes
11:15 a.m.	Education Hour	6:15 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
11:15 a.m.	Carillon Choir		
6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group	<b>Thursday</b>	
		8:00 a.m.	Sunrise Saints
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
7:00 p.m.	Martha Bible Study	6:30 a.m.	High School Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m.	El Encuentro Music Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Special Education Ministries		
<b>Wednesday</b>		9:30 a.m.	Curso de Discipulado en Español
6:15 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study		
8:30 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)		

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

*Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.*

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 616-392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Ruth Westenbroek in the death of her husband, Wayne, on October 22.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice - Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Esther DePree, Harvey Doorenbos, Shirley Hoksbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert. Missionaries - Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Angel Lopez (Mexico)

TRC Church Family, I wanted to give you a quick update on what is happening in my academic studies. For part of my MSW program, I need to complete an internship. This will be a year long internship having begun this fall and ending in December of 2025. I have been, and will be, interning at Bethany Christian Services within their Counseling department. I

will be working at BCS on Thursdays and Fridays. I am very excited to work alongside some amazing therapists and to learn from them and the real life practice that this internship has to offer. I would appreciate your prayers during this busy time!

Grace and Peace,  
Hunter

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING: We received \$2,317 for the work of Frontera de Gracia with immigrants and refugees at the border through the World Communion offering on October 6. If you'd still like to contribute, you may do so by indicating World Communion on the memo line of your check or on the envelope.

#### UPDATE: TRC STOREROOM FOR IMMIGRANT RESETTLEMENT

Last week we let you know how helpful the immigrant resettlement storeroom has been – serving 35 families representing over 80 adults and children. These people arrive here with not much more than the clothes on their backs, and to be able to provide them with items to help them cook and make a home is such a blessing.

After recent consideration, we are making a small adjustment in the items we will stock going forward in this important ministry. From now on, we would like to offer only **NEW** linens – sheets, towels, blankets, comforters. These can be purchased from Amazon and shipped directly to the church (you may choose the brand you prefer), or you may bring in new linens you've purchased for the storeroom.

As always, new or gently used kitchen items/pots/pans/utensils, as well as lamps are welcome donations. Thank you again for your faithful support of this important ministry.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (grade 9th-12th) are invited to join us on a Spring Break Mission trip to Juarez, MX and Frontera de Gracia.

This Spring Break (April 8-12th, 2025), the TRC High Schoolers are invited on a trip to Frontera de Gracia to experience the US/Mexico border. We will be staying in Juarez, Mexico and will spend time understanding the process of immigration and life at the border through our connections with Frontera de Gracia.

Date: Tuesday, April 8th to Saturday, April 12th, 2025

Who: High School Students (9-12th grade)

Where: Juarez, Mexico - Frontera de Gracia

Cost: Estimated \$1,050 (RCA grants and fundraising will be available)