

## *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 1, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Laurie Knapp  
*(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

Greeting 6

\*Hymn "I Surrender All" 354

Opening Prayer 6

*(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided.)*

Prayer for Illumination 6

Gospel Reading John 6:24-35 Page 95 (N.T.)

Psalter Psalm 51:1-17 785-786

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 11:1-15, 11:26-12:13a Pages 279-280 (O.T.)

Sermon Who Is Worthy? Rev. John D. Jordan

Response to the Word 7

Invitation 7

Confession and Pardon 8

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Laurie Knapp

\*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

Thanksgiving and Communion 9-11

\*Hymn "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" 357

\*Dismissal With Benediction

\*Benediction Response "God Be with You till We Meet Again" Mary Louise Robinson

\*Postlude Laurie Knapp

\*The Congregation May Stand

## *Leading in Worship Today*

Pastor: John D. Jordan

Pianist: Laurie Knapp

Time Together: Mary Louise Robinson

AV Assistant: K. C. Warble

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME** in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

We welcome **Rev. Kathy James**, Director of Church Relations at Epworth Children's Home, to our service today. She will briefly talk about new programs at Epworth and will remain with us for Lunch Bunch to further discuss ways in which we can partner with Epworth to provide services to our community.

**TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS** are given to the **Glory of God**.

**“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS ...**

Patsy Shuler    Kathy Aiello    George Taylor    Steve Aiello  
Ted Frady    Oren Edwards    Latson Lewis    Cristen Hipp

**Shut-Ins:** Shirley Butler; Esther Carter; Carolyn Hardee; Francis & Gillett Hipp; June Hutto; Georgeann Pace; Shirley Padgett; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; Wayne Tallon; Irvin Wells

**Family and Friends:** **Bert & Marie McCrackin** (*friends of Oren & Hilda Edwards*); **Stuart & Penny Lloyd** (*son & daughter-in-law of Tom & Marilyn Lloyd*); **Cindy Ellenberg** (*friend of Ray Frady*); **Mary Collard** (*daughter of Jackie McNeill*); **Megan Corby** (*daughter of Carlis Edwards*); **Mitch Kelly** (*Dale Wells' nephew*); **Chip Hooker** (*Wayne Hooker's father*); **Robert Bradley** (*Business Associate of Simon Ross*); **Dave Burrell** (*Business Associate of Tommy Gleaton*); **Gary Becton** (*friend of Mark Branham*); **Wade Albert Payne** (*friend of Mary Louise Robinson*); **Audrey Cassady** (*sister-in-law of Mary Louise Robinson*); **Rusty Browning** (*friend of Erin Derrick*); **Monnie Tiller** (*friend of Chris Derrick*); **Donna Walker** (*coworker of Jack Stevens*); **Ruby Pennington** (*friend of Laurie Knapp*); **John Bassett** (*friend of Marty Johnson*); **Shannon Bassett** (*daughter-in-law of John Bassett*); **Judy Bauer** (*cousin of Marty Johnson*); **Betty Jean Newton** (*sister-in-law of Mary Kamoroff*); **Beth Ann Feimster** (*sister of Christopher McCroskey*); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (*stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey*); **Danielle Spotts** (*co-worker of Kathy White*); **Vickie Edwards** (*neighbor of Kathy White*); **George Duke, Brenda Grier** (*friends of Lynn Martin*); **Heather Stevens, Ty Moore, George Dorn** (*friends of Kay Jordan*); **Teddy Derrick** (*uncle of Arvan Derrick*); **Haidee Baehr** (*friends of Ruth Frady*); **Dianne Schmotzer** (*sister-in-law of Gale Frady*); **Denise Paul** (*cousin of Gale Frady*); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (*friends of Gale Frady*); **Ray Culbreth's Group House; Nellie Gantt** (*mother of friend of Ray Culbreth*); **Amelia Zinski** (*great-niece of Linda Maloch*); **Wayne Blair** (*son of Dot Johnson*); **Xavier Crane** (*grandnephew of John Ballentine*); **Vera Von Glahn** (*sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting*); **Walt & Janet Beck** (*friends of Jo Ann Heiting*); **Adam Lavender** (*son of Phil Lavender*)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at [trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 07/25 SS: 16 In-Person Worship: 33

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 07/25 \$ 4,360.00

**OUR SERVICE...**

**OUR WITNESS.”**

*Church Calendar*

**TODAY** Lunch Bunch  
**08/02** Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.  
**08/05** Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.



Ministers  
Pastor  
Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent

The Congregation  
John D. Jordan  
Jonathan Holston  
Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

***Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.***

***Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform***



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Who Is Worthy?

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2 Samuel 11: 1-15, 26-12: 13a Psalm 51

Read 11: 1-15

If anyone was worthy to receive Holy Communion, it was David. David was the one chosen by God. He was anointed to be king over Israel as a young boy. God brought him out of the shepherd's pasture and made him king over Israel, over God's chosen people. You could say he was the chosen of the chosen. He defeated Goliath. He remained faithful to God. He walked with God. God had made a covenant with David that his house would stand forever. Yes, if anyone was worthy to receive communion, it was David. David appeared untainted by sin.

Until one spring, when David decides not to go to war with the Ammonites. He sends Joab to fight for him. David goes up on the roof of his house. At this point in time, David's house is the highest point in Jerusalem. Standing on the roof, David can look down into the courtyards of the houses below. As David looks over the city, he spies a woman bathing. He thinks, "I want her, I'm the king" so he sends messengers to get her.

From that one covetous thought David begins to spiral down. He goes from coveting to stealing. He goes from stealing to raping. He goes from raping to lying and manipulation to cover up. Finally, when his manipulations fail, he resorts to murder. He abuses the power and position God had given him. David, the one chosen by God to be king over God's chosen people, sins in multiple ways. He goes from being most worthy to being most unworthy.

David's sin was not just all the acts he did. The sin comes in because those thoughts and acts broke his relationship with God. David turned his back on God. Instead of continuing to follow God's ways, David abused the power and position God had given him. Sin is the broken relationship with God. David broke the bond he had with the God who loved him.

We all have sinned. Maybe not to the degree of David, but we all have in some way broken relationships with other people and with God. We may have had thoughts like David had. Thoughts that may seem insignificant but may lead to harmful words or actions. David's downward spiral began with a thought, which led to an attitude, which led to actions, all which broke relationships.

So, who is worthy to come to this table today? Who is worthy to come and eat the bread and drink the wine that represents the body and blood of the Son of God? I am not. I fear none of us are. Do we leave the table empty?

No, wait, let's hear the rest of the story.

Read 11:26-12: 13a

The prophet, Nathan, confronts David. He appeals to David's sense of justice as he tells the story of the poor man's lamb. David is righteously indignant and his sense of justice tells him the man deserves to die. Nathan says to David, "You are the man, you are the one that deserves to die."

As sinners we deserve to die. We deserve to be cut off from God as David deserved to die, to be cut off from God.

David could have ordered Nathan to be executed for his impertinence of accusing the king. But David recognizes that he has sinned. He confesses that he has sinned against God, as we read in Psalm 51:4, “Against you, you alone have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.” David recognizes his sin. He pleads for God to have mercy, to blot out his iniquities, to create in him a clean heart and to put a new and right spirit within him. David pleads for God not to hold his sin against him and to realign his spirit with God’s spirit.

David offered to God the sacrifice God truly wanted: a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. His spirit was broken, and David offered a contrite heart that would turn back toward God. David repented. God took that broken and contrite heart and realigned it to God’s. This is God’s grace.

Though David was not sinless, David could come to the table.

We are not sinless but we can come to the table. We can come from the grace of God. We come to the table, not because we are worthy, but we offer to God a broken and contrite heart.

This Holy meal is a means of grace. It is a way in which we experience God’s grace that reveals our sin. It is a way in which we experience God’s grace that, as we repent and turn back to God, justifies and realigns our spirit to God’s. It is a means by which we experience God’s grace that leads us to perfection, to know the love for God and for neighbor. We come not because we deserve God’s Grace but because we need God’s grace!

We hear this in the words of Charles Wesley’s great Eucharistic poem, *Come, Sinner to the Gospel Feast*:

Come, sinners, to the Gospel feast;  
Let every soul be Jesu’s guest.  
Ye need not one be left behind,  
For God hath bid all humankind.

Jesus calls all to come to the table.

Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed,  
Ye restless wanderers after rest,  
Ye poor, and maimed, and sick, and blind;  
In Christ a hearty welcome find.

Those oppressed by sins they committed and sins committed against them.

Ye vagrant souls, on you I call!  
(O that my voice could reach you all!)

You all may now be justified,  
You all may live, for Christ hath died.

We who wander may live because Christ has died.

This is the time; no more delay!  
This is the Lord's accepted day.  
Come in this moment at His call,  
And live for Him Who died for all.

The invitation is now, so why wait!

Sinners my gracious Lord receives—  
Harlots, and publicans, and thieves,  
Drunkards, and all ye hellish crew,  
I have a message now to you:

“The worst unto My supper press,  
Monsters of daring wickedness;  
Tell them My grace for all is free;  
They cannot be too bad for Me.”<sup>1</sup>

It doesn't matter how “bad” we are. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed from God. It doesn't matter how unworthy we are. It doesn't matter if our sin is “great” or “small”. What matters is that God calls us to come, to know God's grace and be broken and contrite so God may realign our Spirits, making our will God's will and our spirit God's Spirit.

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<sup>1</sup>Selected Verses Downloaded from – [finestofthewheat.org/come-sinners-to-the-gospel](http://finestofthewheat.org/come-sinners-to-the-gospel).