*Today we learn that this parable was told by Jesus to “certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous…” Since I would imagine we all would like to think of ourselves this way, we would do well to ponder what Jesus is saying to us about righteousness.*

 *“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”—Jesus*

***Crescentville & Frankford Memorial United Methodist Churches***

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2022**

**Welcome**

 Chorus of Welcome *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

 **Call to Worship** *Psalm 65*

 *Praise is due to God in Zion; to God we will offer our praise!*

 *God answers our prayers! We rejoice to dwell in God’s holy temple.*

**Opening Hymn** *“We, Thy People, Praise Thee”* # 67

*Refrain:* We, Thy people, praise Thee, praise Thee, God of every nation!

 We, Thy people, praise Thee, praise Thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

 Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light
 tell Thy goodness, tell Thy mercies, tell Thy glorious might.
 We, Thy people, praise Thee, praise Thee, praise Thee evermore! *Refrain*

 For Thy blessings, for Thy bounty, joyful songs to Thee we sing,
 songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.
 We, Thy people, praise Thee, praise Thee, praise Thee evermore.

 **Opening Prayer**

 **O Lord, our everlasting God and Creator: Take away from us, we pray, all our shortcomings,**

 **along with the spirit of pride and arrogance; give us humble and repentant hearts that we may,**

 **with pure minds and hearts enter into the Holy of Holies; Through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

 **who in glory lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit unto ages of ages. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

**Joys & Concerns………………….……..*Gathered Prayer…………………………The 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 trespasses and debts as we forgive our debtors and those who trespass**against us. And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Gifts and Offerings The Doxology

 *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” # 95*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

 **The Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn** *“Depth of Mercy”* # 355

  Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?
 Can my God His wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?

 I have long withstood His grace, long provoked Him to His face,
 would not hearken to His calls, grieved Him by a thousand falls.

 I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified,
 oft profaned His hallowed name, put him to an open shame.

 There for me the Savior stands, shows His wounds and spreads His hands.
 God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.

 Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament,
 now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

**Gospel Lesson**   St. Luke 18:9-14

 Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous

 and who looked on everyone else with disgust: **10**“Two people went up to the temple to pray.

 One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11**The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself

 with these words, ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers,

 adulterers—or even like this tax collector. **12**I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.’

 **13**But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn’t even lift his eyes to look toward heaven.

 Rather, he struck his chest and said, ‘God, show mercy to me, a sinner.’

 **14**I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee.

 All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.”

 **Sermon** *“You Talkin’ to Me?”*

 **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

 I believe in God *the Father Almighty*, maker of heaven and earth;

 And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived

 by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

 the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

 from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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** *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”* [VS. 1, 3-4]# 479

 Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll,

 while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

 Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
 heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
 false and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

 Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound,
 make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
 spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

**Benediction *Quiet Meditation, Reflection, and Prayer***

**Choral Benediction** *“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”* [VS. 4]# 351

 Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
 whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heaven but Thee?

 Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

 Next Sunday, October 30th, our youth will lead us in worship.

 Please support them with your prayers and attendance!

**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call the church and leave a message.***

 ***(215) 745-7115.*** When we accept an invitation to pray for someone, we show compassion and also grow in our awareness and empathy for them as we strive together to bring shared requests to God.

**Prayer Requests October 16th**

**Continuing Prayers:**

Pastor Randy & Family Sana Aman Zilpha Browne Dorothy Buzzard

Caroline (Burghaze’s Daughter) Rev. Khan Scott Meyer Ed Ingle Marva

Cass Quigley Betty Sauerwald & family Wondor Korto

Sylvia Spotts Suzanne Turner Hank & Eva Baumgartel

Prayers for the Ukraine and Russia - for world peace

Prayers for our city and end to violence

Prayers for peace and stability in Sierra Leone.

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

The word of God is the truth and the standard against which we must test everything. When we read it, it awakens us to the truth and keeps us in it. This is crucial because many false teachers seek to deceive us. But if we diligently study the Bible and handle it well, we will know what we ought to believe and won’t get tossed away by false doctrines.

**October 23, 2022 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 18:9-14 - Joel 2:23-32 - Psalm 65 - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Our heater replacement fundraiser will be ongoing until the goal is reached!**

**Please continue to prayerfully consider giving a donation towards these costs. You can make as many tributes as you would like, contributing what you can as you can.**

**ZOOM MEETING WITH THE DISTRICT SUPERINDENTANT**

**October 29th - 9:00 AM for SPRC, 10:00 AM for Conference**

***SPRC Committee attendance is required for the***

 ***9:00AM SPRC meeting*.**

 All are welcome to attend the conference.

 You may come to church and join the conference online there,

 or join online from your own device.

 Zoom link will be sent out as soon as it is available.

