

Tryon United Methodist Church

11:00 AM Worship

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 18, 2022

*Let the first note of music be the signal for that reverent silence which is the beginning of worship.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR.....Pam McNeil

ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Liturgist

PRELUDE.....*Andante*.....Pam McNeil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Lynnette Sills  
(From *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*)

Search for the Lord,  
**For God waits where we least expect it.**  
Cry out to the Lord,  
**For God hears our pleas.**  
Place your trust in the Lord,  
**Whose compassion comes speedily to meet us.**  
We will enter God’s gates  
**With hope and gladness.**

GREETING & OPENING PRAYER (From *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*).....Rev. Lynnette Sills

Help us, O God of our salvation, **for in you alone do we find our strength to revive our souls. In you alone we find nourishment to meet the needs for the journey. Come to us. May we see your glory and know where our true help lies. Amen.**

\*HYMN.....*In the Garden*.....314

\*PSALTER.....Psalm 106:1-5 (UMH 829).....Liturgist

Praise the Lord!  
**O give thanks to the Lord who is good;**  
    **Whose steadfast love endures forever!**  
Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,  
    Or show forth all God’s praise?  
**Blessed are they who observe justice,**  
    **Who do righteousness at all times!**  
Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;  
    Help me when you deliver them,  
**That I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,**  
    **That I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,**  
    **That I may glory with your heritage.**

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- A Statement of Faith from The United Church of Canada (883)**.....Liturgist

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**  
**We believe in God:**  
    **Who has created and is creating,**  
    **Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**  
    **To reconcile and make new,**

**Who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church:  
    To celebrate God's presence,  
    To love and serve others,  
    To seek justice and resist evil,  
    To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
        Our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
    God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (70) .....Congregation  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespas*).....Rev. Lynnette Sills

**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, as we forgive 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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Lynnette Sills

Source of every good gift, you call us to be wise with the true riches of your kingdom. **May this offering show such wisdom, that having been found faithful in a little you will trust us to be faithful in much. We offer you these gifts in gratitude for your love, that they may bring healing and light to those who need your healing touch and strength. Amen.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM.....*This Offering of Praise*.....Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY..... 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE..... *Matthew 25:14-30*.....Liturgist

### **The Parable of the Bags of Gold**

<sup>14</sup>“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, <sup>[a]</sup> each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup>The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his

money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

<sup>21</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>22</sup> "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

<sup>23</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>24</sup> "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

<sup>26</sup> "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

<sup>28</sup> "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. <sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**Liturgist:** The word of God for the people of God. **People:** Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE.....**What Do You Want to Support?**.....Rev. Lynnette Sills  
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\*CLOSING HYMN.....*Sweet Hour of Prayer*..... 496

\*BENEDICTION.....Rev. Lynnette Sills

Be faithful.

**Let us go to be faithful children of light and come to know the grace, hope and peace of the one who is truly faith.**

**Let us go in peace. Amen.**

POSTLUDE.....*Allegro*.....Pam McNeil, organ

\*Please stand as you are able

**Audio and Video Technical Team:** Bob & Lynn Montgomery

**Ushers:** Tom Kell & Wallace Patrick

 **PRAYER LIST - 9/18/2022**

Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. Pray for there to be peace and for war to cease. Pray for leaders to seek wisdom. Pray for an end to violence and bloodshed. Pray for all people in all nations to seek and to be instruments of peace. Pray for the people of Eastern Kentucky affected by recent flooding. Pray for Cathy Berlin, Ann Boswell, Fred & Carolyn Beiers, Clara Biswas and family, Ann Boswell, Austin Bradley, Sarah Brotherton, Tom Brown, Bob & Deborah Bundy, Eloise “Ella” Call, Brandon & Franz Call, Rick Campbell, Joanne Cannon, Michelle Chromey, Betty Cousin, Lee Cobourn, Pat Cowan, Judy Cruse, Dona Jean Dacey, Rebecca Davis, Tim & Cathy Dean, Deborah, Jeff Ellis, Family of Kathleen Erwin, Sandra Forney, Patty Gilleland, Phil & Joyce Goree, Roy Greene, Jennifer & Percy Hargett, Jeff Hart, Mary Hartsoe, Debbie & Larry Hedgepath and family, Peggy Hindman, Family of Helen Hudson, Chuck Hull, Jenae, Melanie Jennings, Patty Joyce, Leah Justice, Kelsey, Magnolia Lail, David Lawson, Sherrill Lawson, Bonnie Lee, Carol Lee, Logan, Arden McNeil, Connie Nodine, Delenda Metcalf, Miriam & Dennis McClure, Jerry Miller, Lizzie Kelly-Montgomery, Trish Mullins, Bob & Jo Oliver, Laura Ormand, Salley Parker, Aidan Pfozter, Rick Placak, Kim Porter’s mother, Mary Prelieau, Bridgette Rice, Linda Robison, Abbey Rose, The Rose Family, Pat Roshaven, Maggie Sachs, Julie Schleigel, Ann Shirley, Antoni Staley & Family, Jim Steward, Barry Storey, Paula Storey, Annalise Strasel, Richard Tendam, Harrison & Bethanie Turnage, Wade, Marcus Whaley, Eddie Wilkerson, Ronnie Williams, Mary Jane Zupam, Kairos Prison Ministry, Unspoken requests for our families and friends who may need prayer support, who are going through various life transitions, who have loved ones with physical or mental health issues, those who are in abusive relationships, caregivers who need help caregiving, or those experiencing grief & loss, etc.

**Long Term Prayer Needs** Velma Atkinson, John Bogwicz, Graham Boulton, Beth Cochran, Mary Count, Chuck & Virginia Davis, Molly Forrester, Christine Glover, Hazel Griffiths, Pat Hart, Charles Holly, Noah Homan, Alice Logue, Nicole Meyers, Betty Milam, Christy O’Neill, June Palmer, Sherry Palmer, Erika Potter, Adam & Elsie Sherman

**TUMC Armed Forces Prayer List:** James Henson Jr., Kevin Mott, Harrison Turnage

**This week, continue to pray for the following people in our world:**

- Please continue for those who have lost people they love to COVID-19. As we have entered into the 3rd year of the pandemic, pray for the families and friends of the over 6 million people who have died from this virus. Pray for those who continue to be affected by illnesses related to this virus. Pray for people in health care who have consistently and faithfully cared for those who have had to deal with this virus. Pray for all whose lives continue to be challenged and affected by COVID-19.
- All who have lost loved ones.
- Those who have experience loss of jobs/financial stress due to current COVID-19 restrictions
- All of our federal, state and local leaders who have the responsibility to make decisions and coordinate responses to dealing with COVID-19.
- All the doctors, nurses, emergency services professionals and medical staff.
- Truck drivers, grocery store, pharmacy and food service workers.
- Researchers and experts working to produce tests and formulate vaccines.
- Congregations all over the world as we come to terms with doing church and being church in different ways.
- Teachers, students, parents who are going back to school.