



**The Lord was  
with Joseph  
and he prospered**



## **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Gathering**

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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*How does our perception affect our actions? Can you think of a time where you misperceived a situation? In today's story there will be an act of deception that someone chooses to believe, despite what they have known to be true about the person involved. .*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.*

### CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\ddagger$  one God,  
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.  
**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven  $\ddagger$  and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of presence, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## Word

## PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**2Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

<sup>3</sup>Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**4**Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.

<sup>5</sup>Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

<sup>6</sup>O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

**READING: Genesis 39:1-23**

<sup>1</sup>Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup>The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup>His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. <sup>5</sup>From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. <sup>6</sup>So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

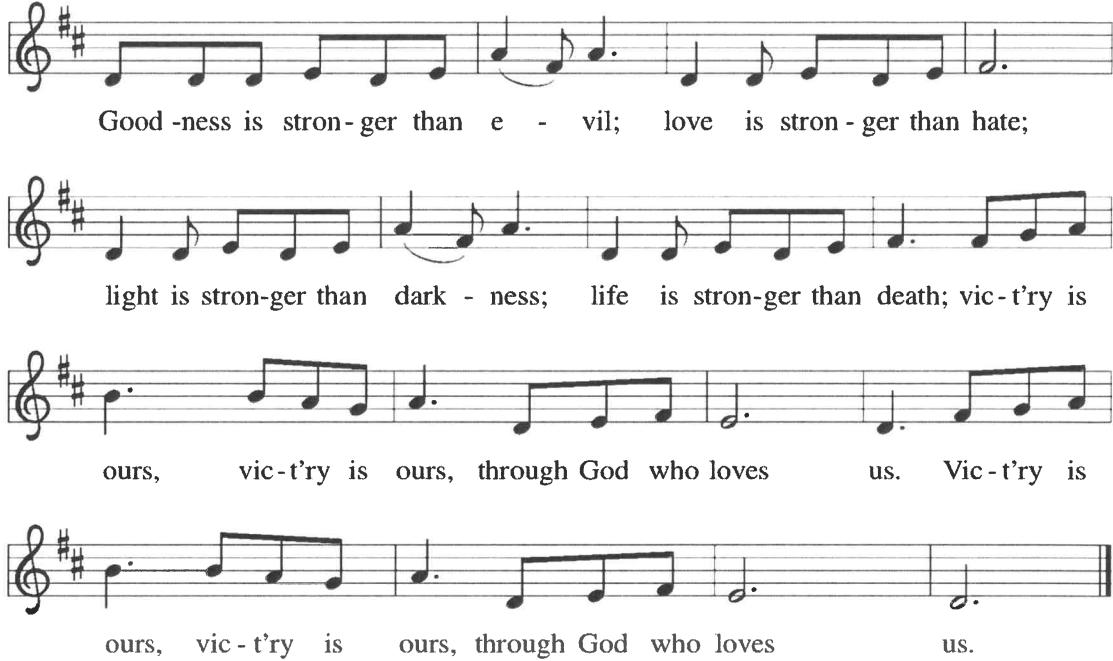
Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. <sup>7</sup>And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." <sup>8</sup>But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. <sup>9</sup>He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" <sup>10</sup>And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. <sup>11</sup>One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, <sup>12</sup>she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. <sup>13</sup>When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, <sup>14</sup>she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; <sup>15</sup>and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." <sup>16</sup>Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, <sup>17</sup>and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; <sup>18</sup>but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." <sup>19</sup>When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. <sup>20</sup>And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. <sup>21</sup>But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. <sup>22</sup>The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. <sup>23</sup>The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

## Goodness Is Stronger than Evil



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;  
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic - t'ry is  
ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is  
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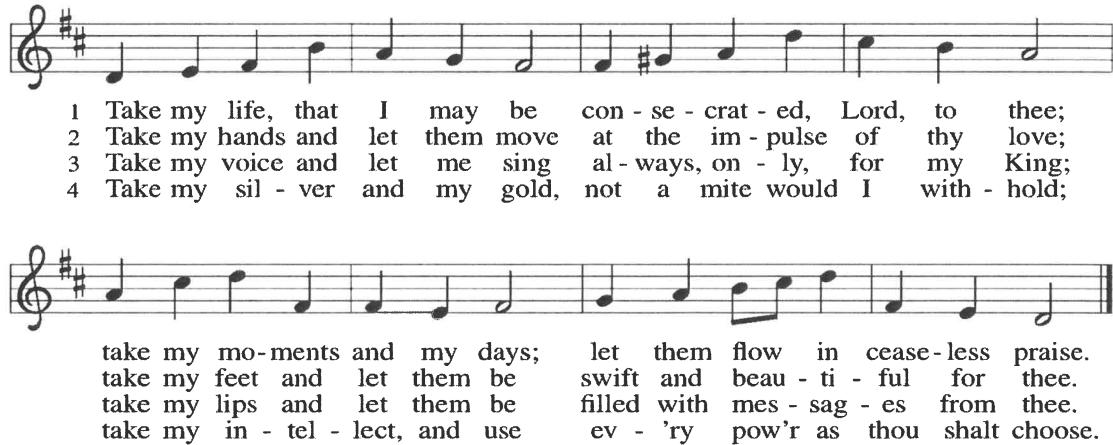
### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response: Hear our prayer.*

## Meal

**OFFERING** *The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship. As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.*

### Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...

#### 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  
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 and forever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

#### COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.*

#### COMMUNION BLESSING *All Stand*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## Sending

### BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

### Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

*This week:*

- ☛ *Read the story of Job, another person who remained faithful in both good and extremely hard times.*
- ☛ *Use the Psalms to guide your prayers this week. Look online to find psalms of lament, thanksgiving, or praise as your family feels fits your day.*
- ☛ *Find a prayer partner*

## PRAYER LIST

### Strength

Edith Atwell  
Albert Burkhart  
The Carroll Family  
Lynn Dagata  
Janet Delgado  
Gabe DeMaria  
Astrid Grossmann  
Jason Haley  
Karl Hurowitz  
Dave Krumlauf  
Ryan Lynch  
Marty Massey  
Dr. Les Prusnofsky  
First Responders and Healthcare Workers

### Serving in the Armed Forces

Bryan Bennett  
Carmen Green  
Nicole Hetzer  
Jim Oliveto  
Justin Ortega  
Sean Hudgins  
Jesse Fritz

### Sister Congregation

Epiphany Bayamón