

McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church
October 13, 2024, 10:30 AM 21st Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler. 11th Century

GATHERING TONES

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rex A. Hunt, adapted

Steadfast God, you visit us in our aloneness
but we express you best in our togetherness.

**Empower us to build up a quality of community
which is a true expression of your presentness.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

I invite you to join me in lighting candles of hope for the world.

May our prayers for peace shine through our lives and into the world.

All are invited to come forward and light candles representing prayers for peace.

VOLUNTARY

"Healing"

by Richard Smallwood

*HYMN # 553

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt and put this question, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

Jesus said, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

'You know the commandments:

You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal;

You must not bear false witness; You must not defraud;

Honor your father and mother.'

And he said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my earliest days.'

Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him and said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'

But the man's face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to the disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the realm of God!'

The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted,

'My children, how hard it is to enter the realm of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the realm of God.'

They were more astounded than ever.

'In that case,' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?'

Jesus gazed at them and said, 'For humans it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' Peter asked.

'We have left everything and followed you.'

Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to show God's love to sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Maria Ware, adapted

**Lord, hear;
Lord, forgive;
Lord, do.**

**Hear what we speak not;
forgive what we speak amiss;
do what we leave undone;**

**That—not according to our words, or our deeds—
but according to your mercy and truth,
all may work for your glory,
and the good of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Believe this good news and give thanks!:
By God's love we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you!
May the peace of God be with us all!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Trust medley"

*Tis so sweet to Trust in Jesus...by Louisa M. R. Stead/I know who holds tomorrow...by Ira Stanphill
Dr. Alonza Lawrence, Bass Baritone*

CONTEMPORARY READINGS

Attributed to Gandhi

Gandhi was once criticized for helping people in the caste derisively called "Untouchables." "You should not help them. This is their karma," said the critic.

"You do not understand karma," replied Gandhi. "The 'Untouchables' are there for you. How you respond to them determines YOUR karma."

REFLECTION

Rev. Heidi M. Weatherford

*HYMN # 497

Guide My Feet

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

CLOSING PRAYER

A Prayer following Hurricane Milton, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Once again, God...
Once again, **the news stirs our hearts with anxiety.**
Once again, **the storm looms, threatening the safety of home.**
Once again, **the winds roar, loud and unrelenting.**
Once again, **fear creeps in, making its presence known.**
Once again, **responders prepare to serve, ready to aid.**
Once again, **the names of loved ones echo in our minds and hearts.**
Once again, **our prayers rise, carried to the heavens.** *Selah*

And yet, even now, hope remains.

Hope in your Spirit, **which breathes peace into our souls.**

Hope in your grace, **which surrounds your children and your creation.**

Hope in your voice, **that stills the storms—both outside and within.**

Hope in your presence, **ever near, embracing us in your care.**

Hope in the truth **that you are our strength, our refuge, and our safe harbor.**

Hope in knowing that nothing, **no storm, can separate us from your love.**

Hope in the assurance that you hear our hearts and tend to our prayers.

This is our hope. This is our prayer. This is what we believe. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Paraphrase by Lala Winkley

God, lover of us all, most holy one.

Help us to respond to you - to create what you want for us here on earth.

Give us today enough for our needs.

**Forgive our weak and deliberate offences,
just as we must forgive others when they hurt us.**

Help us to resist evil and to do what is good.

For we are yours, endowed with your power to make our world whole. Amen

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Please pass the offering plate down the pew. When it gets to the end turn around and give it to the person immediately behind you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

The earth of the Lord's, and all that is in it, **The world, and those who live in it.**

Freely you have received, freely give.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory

"Just a little talk with Jesus"

by Cleavand Derricks

*Doxology

FAITHFULNESS

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed your hand has provided,

Great is your faithfulness, God unto me!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love;

through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Hope for tomorrow"

by William R. Dye

Assisting in Today's Service

Liturgist, Barbara England
Pastor, Rev. Heidi Weatherford
Director of Children's Education, Sara McHenry
Director of Music, Dr. Alonza Lawrence
Organist, Andrew Woodruff
Worship Techs, Josh Harris and Lara Hebert

How to Contact Church Staff

All church staff may be contacted through the McKinley website at www.mckinleycu.org.

How to Give

Online contributions and pledges are accepted at tithe.ly/give?c=2133263
or by mailing your donations to: McKinley Presbyterian Church, 410 E. Daniel St.,
Champaign, IL 61820



Coming this Week:

Mon Oct 14	11:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	4:00pm	Worship Committee
Tues Oct 15	12:00pm	Communications and Outreach
Wed Oct 16	7:00 pm	Choir
Sat Oct 19	1-2:30 pm	Student Food and Fellowship
Sun Oct 20	9:00am	Adult Education Series: Sitting Meditation, Led by Paul Hixson
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship

Spiritual Practices: An Adult Education Series

Next Sunday, October 20th longtime McKinley member Paul Hixson will lead the spiritual practices class on sitting meditation. This class is aimed for anyone interested in learning more about how to do sitting meditation on their own – no previous experience in this practice is needed but those with previous experience are certainly welcome and hopefully will find this class beneficial as well. If you are an experienced meditator and use a cushion for your sitting, feel free to bring it, but for most of us, we will just be sitting in the folding chairs provided in the fellowship hall in the basement. Our class will begin with a brief talk about the various styles of sitting meditation, how they developed, and why. We will then proceed with a guided meditation led by Paul, followed by a group discussion afterward. No special preparation or equipment is needed, and all interested participants are welcome. Join Paul in the church basement from 9-10 next Sunday to participate!

Food Pantry - Thanks and Request. Thanks to everyone who donated toward diapers, feminine products, and pet food. We had a full supply at this week's pantry! We are also appreciative of the many Key Club students and Parkland and University students who have been helping regularly. We could not operate the pantry without all of them and our very faithful McKinley members and friends. If you have not helped before and have any time on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, please consider volunteering.



THIS WEEK: We are completely out of plastic grocery bags to use in distribution of produce and meat. Please bring your donations of these bags to the bins at the back of church, to the Presby desk, or to the pantry when you come to help.

Food Donations for Student Potato Bar

Sunday, October 20, the Student Outreach Committee will be creating a baked potato bar for our college student lunch. If you are able and willing, please bring a food donation to church that day. We are looking for toppings for the potatoes, fruit salads, and desserts. To make a donation, you may sign up at church this Sunday or [contact Jane Cain](mailto:jane.cain@mcckinleycu.org) (217-649-1082). Thanks for considering this.



Save the Date! McKinley's Annual Trunk or Treat.
 Join us Saturday, October 26, from 5 to 7 pm, for McKinley's annual Trunk or Treat. All children and youth and their families are invited to participate! Please invite neighbors and friends who might be interested as well. Dinner will be served in the Foundation dining hall from 5 to 6. This will be followed by trick or treating through Presby Hall and games in the parking garage. New this year is a haunted house for older elementary and youth, put on by one of the Presby RAs in the library and chapel. We can always use more trunks with a game/activity. [Contact Sara McHenry](#) if you have questions or would like to sign up for a trunk.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 OF COUNTRY / FIRST
 PEOPLES**
*(An act towards
 reconciliation)*

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives.

We recognize and acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations, past, present, emerging.

We are grateful for their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. These lands continue to carry the stories of these Nations and their struggles for survival and identity.

McKinley Presbyterian Church is a community of faith

Offering genuine welcome,

Working for reconciliation, and

Daring to speak words of abundant hope to a world in pain.