



September 27, 2020. 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Narrative Lectionary week 3 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "What God Ordains is Good"
Johann Gottfried Walther

Greeting

Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-9

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name.
Make his deeds known to all people.

All: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on God's wondrous works.

One: Give praise to God's holy name. Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord.

All: Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!

One: Remember the wondrous works he has done, all God's marvelous works, and the justice God declared.

All: You who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

One: God remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded to a thousand generations,

All: Which he made with Abraham, the solemn pledge he swore to Isaac.

Prayer of Confession Psalm 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love. Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion. Wash me completely clean of my guilt. Purify me of my sin. I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always in front of me. I've sinned against you... And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space. Purify me. Wash me. Let me hear joy and celebration again. Create a clean heart for me, God. Put a new, faithful spirit deep inside of me.

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #390 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94 "Praise God"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Genesis 50:15-21 (CEB)

When Joseph's brothers realized that their father was now dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us, and wants to pay us back seriously for all of the terrible things we did to him?" So they approached Joseph and said, "Your father gave orders before he died, telling us, 'This is what you should say to Joseph. "Please, forgive your brothers' sins and misdeeds, for they did terrible things to you. Now, please forgive the sins of the servants of your father's God."'" Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

His brothers wept too, fell down in front of him, and said, "We're here as your slaves."

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I God? You planned something bad for me, but God produced something good from it, in order to save the lives of many people, just as he's doing today. Now, don't be afraid. I will take care of you and your children." So he put them at ease and spoke reassuringly to them.

Musical Offering "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
Nancy Schwegl, Piano

Sermon "Joseph and his brothers"

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #374 "Standing on the Promises"

Blessing

Postlude



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:

Oct. 4	Passover	Exodus 12:1-13, 13:1-8
Oct. 11	Golden Calf	Exodus 32:1-14
Oct. 18	Hannah Promises	1 Samuel 1:9-2:10
Oct. 25	God's promise to David	2 Samuel 7:1-17

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Genesis 50:20

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Exodus 1:8-22	The Israelites oppressed by Pharaoh
Tuesday	Exodus 2:1-10	The birth and youth of Moses
Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-12	Moses and the burning bush.
Thursday	Exodus 4:1-17	Moses' miraculous power
Friday	Exodus 7:14-17, 8:5-6. 16-17	Plagues on Egypt
Saturday	Exodus 9:8-9, 22-23, 10:1-2	More plagues

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Joseph found himself in many hard situations. But there is one good thing that happened in the story of Joseph: God was with him no matter what. What was a difficult situation that happened today? How did it end? Did you feel God's presence with you?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Getting Ready for Next Week's Story: The Israelites are crying out to God. They have gone from foreign neighbors in a Egypt to Pharaoh's slaves. What was something today that made you sad, scared, or angry?