

Order of Worship
September 24, 2023 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – from Isaiah 53, the Suffering Servant

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
Yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

***But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.***

After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life
and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify
many, and he will bear their iniquities.

***Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.***

Hymn *O Worship the King* #73

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading – Psalm 88. “the Darkest Corner of the Psalms”

Gloria Patri [#70] & **Apostles' Creed** [#881]

Offering & Doxology [#95]

Scripture Reading – 1 Chronicles 4:1-10

Sermon Pastor Paul

The Prayer of Jabez:
Two Perspectives

Hymn *Take Time to be Holy* #395

Benediction

Psalm 88

¹ O LORD, you are the God who saves me;
day and night I cry out to you.
² ***May my prayer come before you;
turn your ear to my cry.***
³ I am overwhelmed with troubles
and my life draws near to death.
⁴ ***I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am like one without strength.***
⁵ I am set apart with the dead,
like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more,
who are cut off from your care.
⁶ ***You have put me in the lowest pit,
in the darkest depths.***
⁷ Your wrath lies heavily on me;
you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.
⁸ ***You have taken from me my closest friends
and have made me repulsive to them.***
I am confined and cannot escape;
⁹ my eyes are dim with grief.
***I call to you, LORD, every day;
I spread out my hands to you.***
¹⁰ Do you show your wonders to the dead?
Do their spirits rise up and praise you?
¹¹ ***Is your love declared in the grave,
your faithfulness in Destruction?***
¹² Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,
or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?
¹³ ***But I cry to you for help, LORD;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.***
¹⁴ Why, LORD, do you reject me
and hide your face from me?
¹⁵ ***From my youth I have suffered and been close to death;
I have borne your terrors and am in despair.***
¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me.
¹⁷ ***All day long they surround me like a flood;
they have completely engulfed me.***
¹⁸ You have taken from me friend and neighbor—
darkness is my closest friend.

1 Chronicles 4:1-10

⁴ The descendants of Judah: Perez, Hezron, Karmi, Hur and Shobal.

² Reaiah son of Shobal was the father of Jahath, and Jahath the father of Ahumai and Lahad. These were the clans of the Zorathites.

³ These were the sons of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma and Idbash. Their sister was named Hazzelponi. ⁴ Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah.

These were the descendants of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah and father of Bethlehem.

⁵ Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

⁶ Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hephher, Temeni and Haahashtari. These were the descendants of Naarah.

⁷ The sons of Helah: Zereth, Zohar, Ethnan, ⁸ and Koz, who was the father of Anub and Hazzobebah and of the clans of Aharhel son of Harum.

⁹ Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." ¹⁰ Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

World Communion Sunday

Next Sunday, October 1

2023 Annual Walk for Life

Saturday, October 7

2023 Annual Life Chain

Sunday, October 8

2023 Annual Group Charge Conference

11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 28 at East Stroudsburg UMC

2023 Annual Global Meal Pack

Friday & Saturday, November 3 & 4, at East Stroudsburg UMC

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THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

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WITH ME, AND THAT YOU
WOULD KEEP ME FROM EVIL,
THAT I MAY NOT CAUSE PAIN!"

1 CHRONICLES 4:10

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