

A few weeks ago, we sang a hymn based upon a famous traditional Irish blessing. If you weren't with us in worship, you still probably know it. It's quite famous and incredibly beautiful.

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

This got me thinking of another Irish prayer this week called "St. Patrick's Breastplate." Legend has it that St. Patrick wrote this prayer himself and placed it inside his clothing as a form of protection. If he had this prayer with him, then he and his friends would be safe.

It is quite a long prayer, so let me just write out the most famous part. You might know this section, just not where it came from.

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

I love this prayer and I pray for you all. That Christ is with you every step this week and the days to come. That no matter what situation you find yourself in, just know that Christ is there with you through it all.

And I pray we can live into that final line of the prayer. That we can be Christ-like to our friends and neighbors. That we can show everyone, even strangers the love of Christ. Because while we may not know it, a single word from our mouths can be exactly what a stranger needs to hear.

So may God hold you in the palm of His hand. And may with you, within you, behind you, and before you.

God Bless, Pastor Ed

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

October 15 Chris L.

October 22 Bev & Maynard

October 29 5th Sunday 10:30 Worship – Beef & Noodle Lunch

Donations of candy for Trunk or Treat are needed please.

Thank You!

Coming Up Next!

Fall Rummage Sale - Saturday, October 14, 8:30 – 1:00 PM

Fellowship Committee Meeting – Monday, October 16, 7 PM

Ernestine Mission Circle – Tuesday, October 17, 11 AM at LaPaz Diner

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, October 17, 7 PM

Preschool Fall Break – October 18 – 23

Ida Mission Circle – Wednesday, October 25,
11:30 AM meet at Rentown

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 28, 4-6 PM

Fifth Sunday of the Month – October 29
10:30 Worship Service followed by Beef & Noodles lunch

All Saints' Sunday – November 5

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 5

Preschool Grandparents Day – Monday, November 6 and Tuesday, November 7

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, November 7, 7 PM

Blood Drive – Tuesday, November 14, 2:30 – 6:30 PM
Palmer's Community Complex

Turkey Supper – Thursday, November 16

Food Pantry Needs:

canned tuna/chicken, cereal, canned fruit, rice, pasta or potato sides, Hamburger Helper, soup with meat, shelf stable milk, canned vegetables, family sized items are appreciated.

Thank you for all the donations!!

TOPS Club is meeting at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Room 206, use north east door. Looking for new members to join us.