



25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2023

10:00 am

MEDITATION MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.

Bold indicates congregational response.

Hymnals are available if you like to read the musical notes.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP* *(adapted from Psalm 90)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
You have been our home throughout all the ages.

You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

HYMN*

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Loving God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. We cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. We hold tight to our privilege and forget your commands. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Help us to walk in the light and live in equity and peace.

(silence)

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Joe Hunnings

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Kyrie Eleison”

GOSPEL* – Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

Linda Dickerson

“A Harsh Master?”

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE* - (from “A Declaration of Faith”)

God is made known in Jesus Christ. Jesus’ involvement in the human condition is God’s involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God’s compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God’s demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God’s willingness. Jesus’ love for the very people who reject him is God’s love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN* *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE,* 62

Congregation and Choir

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Everyone is Invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL

*To those who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray, and to all who do not, but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."*