TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 10, 2024
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Phillips

from Psalm 96

CALL TO WORSHIP Phil Kuebbeler

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

***HYMN 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God,
we confess that we are not very forgiving.
We hold on to grudges for far too long.
We are more interested in being right
than in being righteous.
Forgive us.
Help us to extend to others
the same grace that you,
in Jesus Christ, extend to us.
Help us to forgive as
we have been forgiven.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 269** (v. 2) *Lead On O King Eternal* LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - THANK OFFERING Janet Churn

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Awake, My Soul, Give Thanks and Sing* Craig Courtney
(The Chancel Choir)

Awake, my soul, give thanks and sing
hymns of praise to God the King. Alleluia, alleluia.
With voice and instrument declare
that God will hear our fervent prayer. Alleluia, alleluia.
Awake, my soul, give thanks and sing alleluia, alleluia.

Great God of wisdom, power and might,
of boundless love and glory bright. Alleluia, alleluia.
O God of everlasting grace,
tune my heart to sing your praise. Alleluia, alleluia.
Awake, my soul, give thanks and sing alleluia, alleluia.

Beneath the shadow of your wings
my soul is safe, my spirit sings. Alleluia, alleluia.
For from the throne exalted high,
God has heard his servant's cry. Alleluia, alleluia.
Awake, my soul, give thanks and sing alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Last Word in "Lonesome" is "Me"* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Phillips

***DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *The Study Catechism* (1998)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Phil Kuebbeler

**Because of Jesus Christ,
God no longer holds my sins against me.
Christ alone is my righteousness and my life;
Christ is my only hope.
Grace alone, not my merits, is the basis
on which God has forgiven me in him.
Faith alone, not my works, is the means by which
I receive Christ into my heart, and with him
the forgiveness that makes me whole.
Christ alone, grace alone, and faith alone
bring the forgiveness I receive through the gospel.**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 445** *God, How Can We Forgive* LEONI

God, how can we forgive
when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew,
our trust reborn?
When human loving fails
and every hope is gone,
your love gives strength beyond our own
to face the dawn.

When we have missed the mark,
and tears of anguish flow,
how can you still release our guilt,
the debt we owe?
The ocean depth of grace
surpasses all our needs.
A priest who shares our human pain,
Christ intercedes.

Who dares to throw the stone
to damn another's sin,
when you, while knowing all our past,
forgive again?
No more we play the judge,
for by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin,
may we forgive.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* Paul Manz

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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