TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 19, 2023
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND INVITATION Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Prayer* Steven Phillips

from Psalm 136

CALL TO WORSHIP Pat Higgins

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

***HYMN 37** *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces,
the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We thank you, O God, for the manifold gifts you have given us.
And yet we confess to you
that we have often
taken for granted
your grace and your goodness toward us.
We have delighted in the gifts rather than the giver.
We have praised ourselves for what
we have accomplished
rather than acknowledging
that all good things come from you.
Forgive us in your mercy, Lord,
and grant that we
might be truly grateful for all that
you have given to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SONG OF JOY 623** (vv.1 & 2) *I've Got Peace Like a River* PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (repeat)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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, pow'r and might,
of boundless love and glory bright.
Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Page 874 **SCRIPTURE READING** Malachi 3:1-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *God Doesn't Like Leftovers* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Study Catechism (1998) ***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Pat Higgins

What comfort do you receive by trusting in God's providence?
The eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
watches over me each day of my life,
blessing and guiding me wherever I may be.
God strengthens me when I am faithful,
comforts me when discouraged or sorrowful,
raises me up if I fall,
and brings me at last to eternal life.
Entrusting myself wholly to God's care,
I receive the grace to be patient in adversity,
thankful in the midst of blessing,
courageous against injustice,
and confident that no evil afflicts me
that God will not turn to my good.

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 *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Steven Phillips

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

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 711** *Lord of All Good* TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.

We give our minds to understand your ways;
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,
till for your glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *March Triumphant* Eugene Russell

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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