TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 5, 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 — *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (Glenn Priest, organ) — arr. Diane Bish

from Psalm 34

CALL TO WORSHIP — Ann Opdyke

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

***HYMN 183** — *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* — AUSTIN

"Come to me, O weary traveler;
come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy burdened;
come to me and find your rest."

"Do not fear, my yoke is easy;
do not fear, my burden's light;
do not fear the path before you;
do not run from me in fright."

"Take my yoke and leave your troubles;
take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you;
take and learn humility."

"Rest in me, O weary traveler;
rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle;
rest and cast away your care."

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Humble God,
in Jesus you show us that true power is found in humility;
and yet we avoid being humble for fear
that someone will take advantage of us.

You show us that true strength is found in service;
and yet we avoid serving others for fear
that we might be treated like servants.

Forgive us.

Replace our minds with the mind of Christ.
Replace our hearts with the heart of Christ.
Replace our hands with the hands of Christ. Amen.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SONG OF JOY 538** (v. 2) *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Refrain
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
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all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.

Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel. (Refrain)

***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

Text attributed to St. Frances

ANTHEM *Prayer for Peace* Benjamin Harlan
(The Chancel Choir with Greg Stead, oboe)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Kings 12:1-13a, 16-17
Philippians 2:3-11 Sarahi Garcia Gomez

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Bad Company* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Meditation Piece* Cesar Franck
(Greg Stead and Glenn Priest)

***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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *For All the Saints* Steven Phillips

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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