TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 16, 2025
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 "Air" from *Water Music* George Fredric Handel

from Psalm 98

CALL TO WORSHIP Pat Higgins

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord.

***HYMN 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No End* BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Generous God,
you know the difference between
our abundance and our sacrifice.
We confess that we often give from our leftovers,
holding tightly to what makes us feel secure.
Forgive us for the times we measure our generosity
by the size of gift rather than the depth of our trust.
Teach us to give with open hands and open hearts,
trusting that in your kingdom,
nothing offered in love is ever lost.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***SONG OF JOY 805** (vv. 1 & 4) *Come Sing to God* ELLACOMBE

1 Come sing to God, O living saints;
sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent;
God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night
with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun,
a peace that is not vain.

4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore.
My life shall sing your praise.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Road Home* Stephen Paulus
(The Chancel Choir with Moira Corbett, soloist)

Based on an old Appalachian tune, this anthem expresses our Advent longing for a world that feels to us and every lost soul like home.

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away.
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart as the only song.
There is no more beauty than where you belong.
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:1-4

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *All In* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pat Higgins

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

Text from Joel 2:21-13, Jeremiah 29:13, and Job 23:3

OFFERTORY *If With All Your Hearts* Felix Mendelssohn
(Matt Jarvis, soloist)

Ye people, rend your hearts and not your garments.
and turn unto the Lord your God;
for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil.

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
ye shall ever surely find me.
Thus saith our God.
Oh! that I knew where I might find Him,
that I might even come before His presence.

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
ye shall ever surely find me.
Thus saith our God.

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

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**

from *The Study Catechism (1998)*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Pat Higgins

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.
Christ teaches us to put obedience to God
above the interests of self, family, race or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. *(continued next page)*

Life in God's presence issues in life for others,
for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,
we cannot love God whom we do not see.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 697** *Take My Life* HENDON

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

***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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