TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 25, 2026
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Tim Walsh

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Roy Brunner

based on Psalm 100

CALL TO WORSHIP Frank Frey

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
And his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
And his faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Dent Davis

Merciful God,
we confess that we often rely on
our own cleverness rather than your wisdom.
We chase status, wealth, and quick answers,
neglecting the deeper truth you would give us.
Too often our hearts are divided by the world's distractions.
Forgive our foolishness, clear our vision,
and restore us to a right relationship with you.

(a moment for silent reflection)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***SONG OF JOY 447** *We Are Forgiven*

We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Text adapted from the prophet Isaiah

ANTHEM *Go Out in Joy* Eugene Butler
(The Chancel Choir)

Refrain
For you shall go out in joy and be led in peace,
Mountains and hills shall break into singing,
For the trees of the field, the trees shall clap their hands!

Awake, awake, O Zion, put on your strength;
Put on your beautiful garments.
Shake yourself and arise. (Refrain)

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good tidings,
who publishes peace. (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 3 (selected verses)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Wisdom for Troubled Times* Dent Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Frank Frey

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* Stephen Walley

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Frank Frey

from the United Church of Canada

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in authenticity and reality in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust him.
He calls us to be the Church,
the Body of Christ,
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death,
in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN** *O God, We Give Thanks for Brave Women of Old* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

This hymn was commissioned by Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH, in celebration of the 70th anniversary of women's ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In honor of Rev. Dr. Margaret Towner and other women pastors.

O God, we give thanks for brave women of old
whose faithfulness shines through their stories, long-told.
For Mary and Martha found life in the Lord,
and Mary of Magdala trusted his word.
At the well, on the Way, at the cross, at the grave,
women spoke, joined to pray, felt your power to save.
They served you in good times and times of great strife;
they witnessed to Jesus, that all might have life.

O God, in the churches that spread early on,
we thank you that women were well-counted on.
It's said Phoebe carried Paul's letter to Rome.
Brave Lydia started a church in her home.
As she worked at her trade, she made converts for you.
Prisca led and she prayed, as did Junia too.
They served you in good times and times of great strife;
they witnessed to Jesus, that all might have life. *(continued next page)*

O God, we give thanks for the call Margaret knew,
for Rachel and Katie and their callings, too,
Each sat in a preaching class, sometimes alone,
then stood up in pulpits to make your love known.
We give thanks for the ones who weren't welcomed or heard,
but who still persevered in proclaiming your word.
They served you in good times and times of great strife;
they witnessed to Jesus, that all might have life.

O God, we give thanks for the women today
who lead us in worship and teach us and pray—
for pastors and prophets, for bishops and more—
for girls who speak truth and who welcome the poor.
May we all, in this world, know the ways we've been blessed
by their love of your Word, by their giving their best.
May all of us— serving through joy and through strife—
bear witness to Jesus, that all may have life.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Dent Davis

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* Nicholas Lemmens

Our guest organist today is **Glenn Priest**. He received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Applied Piano from Boston University and completed his seminary work in theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Glenn has held worship leading roles at churches in Massachusetts, Tennessee, and North Carolina and has now retired from Fairhaven Church, Ohio, where he was the Team Leader of Ministry Arts.

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