THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 7, 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 — *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (Isaac Mingus, cello & Steven Phillips, piano) — Early American/ arr. Phillips

from Psalm 1

CALL TO WORSHIP — Catalina Campbell

There is good and there is wicked in the world.
Lord, help us find the good.
The good is like a tree,
planted by streams of sweet water.
Lord, let goodness yield its fruit in every season.
Let us meditate upon God's promises
from morning into night.
Let us praise the Lord!

***HYMN 39** — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* — FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and holy God,
You have called us to follow your Son
with wholehearted devotion.
But we confess that we cling to comfort more than Christ.
We hold tight to our possessions,
our plans, our relationships—
even when they draw us away from you.
Forgive us, Lord, for half-hearted loyalty
and for hesitating obedience.
Teach us to lay aside every burden
so we may walk the path of the cross
with joy and faithfulness.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***SONG OF JOY 647** *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks.
Give thanks.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *O Taste and See* Douglas Wagner
(The Chancel Choir with Isaac Mingus, cello)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.
Blessed are they who put their trust in him.
O taste and see the Lord.

There is one Body; there is one Spirit;
there is one Lord of all,
whose grace fills every need and purpose,
embracing great and small.

So let us love each other well,
as God loved us when he gave
the perfect love, his son, our Lord,
that all our souls might be saved.

O taste and see.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

page 952 **SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 14:25-33

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *When Saying Yes Means Saying No* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 *Here I Am, Lord* Daniel Schutte/
(Rick Holdsworth, handbells) arr. Missel and Krug

***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**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* John Cook

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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