TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 12, 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 *Open My Eyes* arr. Steven Phillips

from Psalm 100

CALL TO WORSHIP Victoria Guenther

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.
For the LORD is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

***HYMN 267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have given us life and all good things in it.
You care for us in ways both seen and unseen.
And yet we often forget the many blessing that fill our lives.
We are so consumed with our own concerns, O God,
that we rarely think about others.
We rarely think about you. Forgive us, God.
We don't deserve your love.
We don't deserve this life.
But we thank you for giving us both.
Show us how we can use these great gifts in ways
that bring you joy and bring others hope.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Jinny Miller

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Inscription of Hope* Randall Stroope
(The Chancel Choir)

The opening lines of this anthem were discovered at the end the Second World War. They had been scribed into a wall in the basement of the Cathedral in Cologne where Jews had found refuge from the Nazis. May these words re-energize our faith.

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining;
and I believe in love even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God even when God is silent
I believe through any trial there is always a way.

But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair
my heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there.
But a voice rises within me saying, "Hold on my child;
I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope.
Just stay a little while."

May there someday be sunshine;
may there someday be happiness;
may there someday be love;
may there someday be peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

page 351 **SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Kings 22:1-11; 23:1-3

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Under Renovation* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Paul Manz

***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**

The Apostles' Creed

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Victoria Guenther

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***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)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Jean-Joseph Mouret

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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