



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 14, 2021
11:00 AM**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“To believe something is to let its affirmation become the inhalation and exhalation of your life’s breath. Belief does not exclude doubt or incredulity or intellectual curiosity, but belief is not exhausted by doubt or incredulity or curiosity. To believe something is to let it transform your life.” - *Wendy M. Wright*

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Steven Phillips

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Gilbert Martin

*** OPENING SENTENCES**

Hebrews 12:5-6
Dick Wigton

God has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”
So we can say with confidence:

**The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.**

*** HYMN 463**

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Abundant God,
Forgive us for clinging so tightly to the gifts we know:
the people we love,
the work we do,
the health we take for granted.

Help us to live with open hands and open hearts,
offering gladly
what we hold most dear,
for the sake of your life in the world.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 1:4-20

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:38 - 13:2

SERMON

"Asking God"

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalms 16:5-11
Dick Wigton

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

ANTHEM

Sing, Ye Faithful
(The Chancel Choir)

Robert Lau

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness,
Wake your noblest, sweetest strain,
With the praises of your Savior
Let his house resound again;
Him let all your music honor,
And your songs exalt his reign.

Sing how he come forth from heaven,
Bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,
Stooped to wear the servant's vesture,
Bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
Passed within the gates of darkness,
Thence his banished ones to save.

Now on high, yet ever with us,
From his Father's throne the Son
Rules and guides the world he ransomed,
Till the appointed work be done,
Till he see, renewed and perfect,
All things gathered into one.

Alleluia to the Father,
Alleluia to the Son,
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love and one in glory,
While unending ages run.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steven Phillips

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

***HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***BENEDICTION**

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Processional in G

David Lasky

We welcome guest organist David Patrick to our service today.



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