TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION- PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN — Jinny Miller

PRELUDE — *St. Anthony's Chorale* — Franz Josef Haydn

From Psalm 145

CALL TO WORSHIP — Michael Fingerle

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

***HYMN 402** — *How Lovely, Lord* — MERLE'S TUNE

How lovely, Lord, how lovely
is your abiding place;
my soul is longing, fainting,
to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter,
a place to build her nest;
and so your temple calls us
within its walls to rest.

In your blest courts to worship,
O God, a single day
is better than a thousand
if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance
and claim you as my Lord
than revel in the riches
the ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever
are you, O Lord Most High;
you shower us with blessings;
no good will you deny.
The saints, your grace receiving,
from strength to strength shall go,
and from their life shall rivers
of blessing overflow.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and welcoming God,
you invite us to come to you like children –
trusting, open-hearted, and full of wonder.
Yet we confess that we often come guarded and proud.
We cling to our achievements,
measure our worth by comparison,
and forget that your grace is a gift, not a reward.
Forgive us.
Teach us again to receive your love with simple faith.
Make us humble enough to be led,
curious enough to be taught,
and grateful enough to live as your children,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***SONG OF JOY 583** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* TAIZÉ

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Psalm 23 **ANTHEM** *The Lord is My Shepherd* Thomas Matthews
(The Chancel Choir)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

page 956 **SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 18:15-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Let Us Play* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Michael Fingerle

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 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* arr. Steven Phillips

***DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *The Study Catechism* (1998)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Michael Fingerle

Who do we mean when we pray, "Your kingdom come"?
We are asking God to come and rule among us
through faith, love and justice —
and not through any one of them without the others.
We pray for both the church and the world,
that God will rule in our hearts through faith,
in our personal relationships through love,
and in our institutional affairs through justice.
We ask especially that the gospel will not be withheld from us,
but rightly preached and received.
We pray that the church will be upheld and increase,
particularly when in distress;
and that all the world will more and more submit to God's reign,
until that day when crying and pain are no more,
and we live forever with God in perfect peace.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 435** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing* Handel

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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