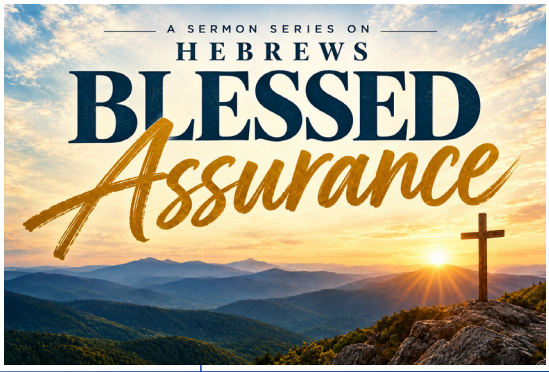


TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2026
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Standing on the Promises* arr. Steven Phillips

from Psalm 46

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaac Mingus

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
God is in our midst; we shall not be moved;
God will help us when the morning dawns.

***HYMN 386** *Come, Worship God* O QUANTA QUALIA

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation
to whom our jubilant praises belong.

Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the one whom we worship this day!

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and loving God,
you call us to love one another,
welcome the stranger,
care for those in need,
and share what we have with generous hearts.
Yet too often we turn inward.
We overlook those who are hurting,
hold tightly to what we have,
and allow fear and worry to shape our lives.
Forgive us when our words and actions fall short of your love.
Open our hearts to kindness, generosity, and compassion.
Teach us to be content with what we have
and faithful in sharing what we have been given.
May our lives reflect the love of Christ,
in what we say, what we do, and how we care for others.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***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.
Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

based on Matthew 6:26-32

ANTHEM *Look at the Birds* Marianne Forman
(The Chancel Choir)

Look at the birds of the air, how they fly;
they neither sow nor reap,
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;
they neither toil nor spin,
yet your heavenly Father clothes them.

Are you not of more value than they?
And your heavenly Father knows your need.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

page 1098 **SCRIPTURE READING** Hebrews 13:1-6, 16

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Unafraid* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Isaac Mingus

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 *Air from Water Music* George Frederic Handel
(Isaac Mingus, cello)

***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**

from *A Declaration of Faith* (1971) ***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Isaac Mingus

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.
The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history,
together with his people's response in faith.
It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church
towards the kingdom of God,
his just and loving rule over all.
It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
That story is still unfolding
and in faith we make it our own.
It forms our memory and our hope.
It tells us who we are and what we are to do.
To retell it is to declare what we believe.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *March Triumphant* Eugene Russell

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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