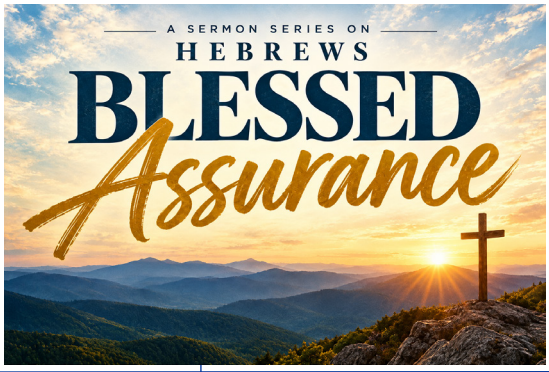


TWENTY-FOURTH DAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2026
11:00 AM

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 *St. Anthony's Chorale* Franz Josef Haydn

CALL TO WORSHIP Cliff Cardi

from Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let us worship God!

***HYMN 839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:
This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angles descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (refrain)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of holiness and grace,
You invite us into your presence with awe and wonder,
yet we often take your love for granted.
We become distracted by the noise of the world
and forget the kingdom that cannot be shaken.
We cling to what is temporary instead of trusting what lasts forever.
Forgive us, Lord. Quiet our hearts, renew our faith,
and teach us to worship you with gratitude and reverence.
May our lives reflect your unshakable love and grace.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***SONG OF JOY 582** (v. 1) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - INVEST IN CHILDREN Lorienne Nickelson, Assistant Principal Brentwood School

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *God is Our Refuge and Strength* Allen Pote
(The Chancel Choir)

text based on Psalm 46

Refrain
God is our refuge and strength,
A present help in times of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
The awesome acts of God!
God is in the midst of the people, in all the earth.

Christ is the word, we are his hands, he will lead us.
Christ is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long. (Refrain)

Christ is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us.
Christ is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long. (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

page 1098 **SCRIPTURE READING** Hebrews 12:18-29

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Unshakeable* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Cliff Cardi

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 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* Spiritual/arr. Phillips

***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** Cliff Cardi

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life
and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared the darkness,
ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing* George Frederic 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.

The Session

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