



Traditional Service
Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 19, 2023

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Prelude in B minor op. 18

Cesar Franck

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of God's name!

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples;

People: let the sounds of God's praise be heard!

All: Come, let us worship God!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GATHERING HYMN**

#414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

1 As those of old their firstfruits brought
Of vineyard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good,
The source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring,
The wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home,
Of mind and heart and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us
To labor, love, and give,
To make our life an offering
To God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
To make the dream come true;
A world redeemed by Christ-like love,
All life in Christ made new.

*Please stand if you are able.

3 With gratitude and humble trust
We bring our best to You,
3 Not just to serve Your cause,
[but share Your love with neighbors too.
L O God who gave Yourself to us
E In Jesus Christ Your Son,
F Help us to give ourselves each day
F Until life's work is done.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, Scripture tells us that you are able to accomplish far more than all we can ask for or imagine. Yet we often act as if everything depends on us. We often fear to ask for or even imagine anything than what we can see or accomplish on our own. Help us to trust in you and your limitless grace, and empower us to be your bold and loving servants, so that we may share the light of your love to the ends of the earth.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:19-21

Marie Rosenthal

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"True Treasuring"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to thee:
Use them thy holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to thy will.

3 Father, whose bounty all creation shows,
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live,
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows,
To thee with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

2 We give our mind to understand thy ways;
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve thy great design;
Heart with the flame of thine own love ablaze,
Till for thy glory all our powers combine.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF 2024 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Call to Give

Offertory Lord, Make Me an Instrument

Jonathan Willcocks

Chancel Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, may there be union,
Where there is doubt, faith.
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is despair, let there be hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, may there be joy!
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
May we all be in peace, and only peace,
And may that peace come unto each of us.

***Doxology**

#592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***SENDING HYMN**

#422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRINGS

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

3 Treasure too You have entrusted,
Gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

***BENEDICTION**

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Flor Peeters