



November 16, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

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(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

This is the place for connection and growth,
for community and hope.

This is the place for questions like,

“Where are you from?” and, “What do you need?”

For whispers of: “I’ve been thinking of you,”

and, “I’ve been meaning to ask. . .”

This is the place, because all belong here.

All are welcome here.

All hurt and joy, needs and prayers,

dreams and love, are welcome here.

So for our call to worship today,

we are going to lean into invitation for connection.

I want to invite you to take two minutes

to introduce yourself to someone around you

and to share one thing

that has brought you deep joy this week

so that we might begin our service

with joy, gratitude, and connection.

God is near. Let us worship Holy God.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep-ing main -
 thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
 do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

**sometimes life feels like cooking with flour—
it looks like it should be easy,
but we always make a mess.**

**This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships.
We so desperately long to say the right thing,
to be the right thing, to find the right solution,
that we overstep the line.**

Forgive us for assuming the place you fill.

**Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity,
could possibly fix all the hurt in this world.**

**Instead, give us the grace and the strength
to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need
to witness their hurt without trying to fix it.**

You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.

Teach us how to ask, “What do you need?”

Teach us how to point to you.

Gratefully we pray. Amen.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God knows your desire and your intent.

**God knows when we try and miss the mark,
and God surrounds us in grace.**

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Every day is a new day for love.

We are claimed. We are forgiven.

We are invited into relationship.

Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson:

[Job 2:11-13](#)

(Pg. 393) **

Anthem:

And the Father Will Dance

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy?
He will take your delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear singing praises of God?
No the Lord God Himself is exulting over you in song;
And He will joy over you in song

My soul will make its boast in God,
for He has answered all my cries
His faithfulness to me is as sure
as the dawn of a new day.
Awake my soul and sing!
Let my spirit rejoice in God

Sing O daughter of Zion with all my heart!
Cast away all fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.
Join with the Father in glorious jubilant song.
And He will joy over you in song!
And the Father will dance over you in joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves!
Is that choir I hear singing praises of God?
No the Lord God Himself is exulting over you in song!
God rejoices over you in song!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

We Cannot Measure How You Heal



1. We can - not meas - ure how you heal Or
 2. The pain that will not go a - way, The
 3. So some have come who need your help, And

an - swer ev - 'ry suf - f'r's prayer, Yet
 guilt that clings from things long past, The
 some have come to make a - mends, As

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds Where faith and
 fear of what the fu - ture holds, Are pres - ent
 hands which shaped and saved the world Are pres - ent

doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though blood - ied
 as if meant to last. But pres - ent too is
 in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spir - it

on the cross, Sur - vive to hold and heal and
 love which tends The hurt we nev - er hoped to
 meet us here To mend the bod - y, mind, and

warn, To car - ry all through death to
 find, The pri - vate ag - o - nies in -
 soul, To dis - en - tan - gle peace from

life And cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
 side, The mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
 pain, And make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

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† GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 18: 35-42

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PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

† GLORIA PATRI

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

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Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.' The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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SERMON: Ho-Soon Han

"I've Been Meaning to Ask..."
WHAT DO YOU NEED"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

† HYMN

557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, of
bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782

MUSIC: Johann G. Nægeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Nada Te Turbe / Nothing Can Trouble

Ostinato Refrain

1.

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es-pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

2.

na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

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SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG

(See Above)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Harmony

Unison

Refrain (Harmony)

Unison

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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† HYMN OF DEDICATION

500 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh,
the kin - dling of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

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MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

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Looking Ahead

Readings for November 23, 2025

The Reign of Christ the King

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 / Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20 / Luke 23:33-43



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