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# Sunday, November 10, 2024 10:00AM Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

### **WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

#### Prelude

Blessed Assurance

arr. Bert Carlson

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.
Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)
Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

\*Please stand as you are able

#### Welcome and Announcements

### **Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there can be no help. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever; Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; The Lord watches over the alien and refugee. He upholds the orphan and widow but the way of the wicked he brings to utter ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, Your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

**Gospel Praise** 

What Is This Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

# **Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us, sinners. Lord, you made us, and you call us to peace, and we choose war. You call us to love, and we choose hate. You call us to compassion, and we choose grudges and to judge one another. Lord, forgive us and have mercy on us. Turn away your face from our mistakes and shortcomings and instead remember us in your own righteousness and faithfulness. Heal us and guide us. Guard us and watch over us. Take us and make us new through your power and glory. Amen.

# **Declaration of God's Forgiveness**

## Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

\*Response

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**Prayer for Illumination** 

**First Reading** 

Hebrews 9:24-28

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** 

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending arr. Richard Hillert Chancel Choir, Carol Tallieu, flute Obbligato

**Second Reading** 

Mark 12:38-44

Message

### **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and hatred, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus Is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

\*Hymn AAHH #380

Trust and Obev vv. 1-3, 5

## Call to Offering

If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the Westminster News section of today's bulletin.

**Invitation to Offering** 

**Organ Offertory** 

Interlude

Leon Boëllmann

\*Doxology GTG #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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**

### **Prayers of the People**

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.

### **WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Hymn GTG #379

We Shall Overcome

**Benediction** 

**Postlude** 

Fugue on 'Festal Song'

Seth Bingham

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

## **Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director Bill Gourlay, Liturgist

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