



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" Thomas Gieschen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Christ has broken down the wall; we are to be united!

All: We're accepted as we are and reconciled through God's love.

One: Reconciled, we will cast aside doubts and freely share peace and love.

All: Let us worship the God who calls us to tear down every wall that divides us.

*GATHERING HYMN: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" #400 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of our God and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, today!
With your constant, loving kindness hear your people as they pray.
Give your fullest benediction: grace to follow Christ the Way.**

**Here renew your servants' vision, that by faith they may attain
Peace and hope, renewed compassion, strength to comfort those in pain,
Tears and grief transformed to gladness in your everlasting reign.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and Hope-filled God, we ask you to stay close in our lives as we move into an unknown future. Forgive us when we forget you are there.

Bind us as your beloved children, and invite us to "do unto others" in ways that build up your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds, and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. (*Silent confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News! Cast aside your doubts and fears, for we are accepted as we are.

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE: "Across the Divide"

North Side: Can we move closer despite our differences?

South Side: I'm still not sure I'm capable of moving closer.

North Side: What if that never happens?

South Side: What if the chasm gets wider?

North Side: But I have begun to imagine a way to live together.

South Side: I know we both are still afraid, but I wish you no harm.

Pastor: The rhythm of our breath and heartbeat is the same.

All: Our desire for life and love is the same.

Pastor: Our desire for a peace in which we flourish is the same.

All: Let this moment permeate our souls, and let us pass the peace of Christ between us.

Pastor: This peace is meant for all people!

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22: 34-40
A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible p. 804

SERMON

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Love the Lord Your God” #62 *Glory to God Hymnal* (repeat)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Love the Lord Your God" in E major, 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart.", "Love the Lord your God with all your soul.", "Love the Lord your God with all your mind.", and "Love the Lord your God with all that you are."

Chords for the first staff: E, B, A, E

Chords for the second staff: (C) E, (G) B, (F) A, (C) E

Chords for the third staff: (F) A, (Dm7) F#m7, (Em7) G#m7, (Am7) C#m7, (F) A, (G) B, (C) E

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

OFFERTORY "Beautiful Savior" Flor Peeters
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (tune "Lasst Uns Erfreuen")

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Help us to work together well, off'ring our kindness to the world.

Follow Jesus, praise the Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING HYMN "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"#539

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

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