

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN

“When We All Get to Heaven”

Red Hymnal # 123

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Father, Give Thy Benediction”

Father, give thy benediction; Give thy peace before we part; Still our minds with truth's conviction; Calm with trust each anxious heart. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Worship Assistants



Greeters: Lindsay & Ashley Hedrick Family

Acolytes: Claire Beck and Ava Carrick

Reader: Scott Frank

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*God Bless America!
Thank you Veterans
for your service!*

24th Sunday after Pentecost

New Member Sunday

November 12, 2023

A warm welcome to all today!

May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Visitors, we are especially glad to see you.

Please come again!!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Indicates to please stand if able.

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** print.

GATHERING

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

TRINITY CHIMES (At the sound of the chimes, please enter into a time of meditation.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING SILENCE

*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL INTROIT

“We Thank Thee, Lord”



For all the bless - ings of the year, For all the friends we hold so



dear, For peace on earth, both far and near, We thank Thee, Lord.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Today God's word will be spoken to your hearts.

Open our ears and our hearts to receive God's word.

Today God's love will be poured into your life.

Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

*GATHERING HYMN

“America, the Beautiful”

Red Hymnal # 690

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. Amen.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God's steadfast love is everlasting, And God's faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Trusting in the mercy of God, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance. We place our hope in**

ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of grace and mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Page 380

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Page 795

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 25:1-13

Page 668

SERMON

“Be Prepared!”

Joshua W. Rau

* SERMON HYMN

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

Red Hymnal # 545

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: *Rev. David & Bentha Crook*

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*STATEMENT OF FAITH

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.

SILENT PRAYER ~ PASTORAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

THANKSGIVING

God's gifts move us to respond with grateful words and actions.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER