

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM, November 16th, 2025

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ, for the Lord our God is doing a new thing!

The old order is gone, everything is new!

Illness, disease and crying and mourning shall be as a distant memory!

Hatred and war shall cease from the earth, for Christ has risen! Death is defeated!

All : Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Hallelujah! Amen.

*HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” **UMH # 694**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed **UMH # 881**

OPENING PRAYER Unison

God of hope and promise, speak again your words of life and death, for reports of violence and bloodshed are all around us. In a world where refugees have nowhere to turn, bless us anew with visions of heavenly shalom, that the world may be healed and your people may live in safety and peace. Teach us the joy of sharing simple acts of kindness and heartfelt gifts of tender mercy, that we may be people of your kingdom and children of your love. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

O God, we are more like the vision in Luke than the vision of Isaiah. We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice and persecution, but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest. We have become a

pessimistic people. Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah’s vision of the peaceable kingdom, in your promise of a new heaven and new earth. Let your cry be our cry: “They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.” Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is our strength and our salvation. God’s anger is turned away, and in its place, we find comfort, steadfast love, and forgiveness. With this hope, we can draw water from the wells of salvation with joy and thanksgiving.

Thanks be to God!

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 12:1-6 (NRSV)**

- 1 You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.
- 2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
- 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- 4 And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.
- 5 Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.
- 6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

MESSAGE “You Will Say in That Day” **Rev. Dongkue Jee**

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN “It Is Well with My Soul” **UMH # 377**

THE LORD’S PRAYER **UMH # 895**

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Restoring God, Maker of new heavens and a new earth, where sorrow is lifted, and joy takes root. As we bring our gifts this day, may they be seeds of your promised future—an offering of hope, justice, and mercy in a weary world. Use what we give and who we are to proclaim a kin-dom where none are forgotten, where the wolf and lamb lie down in peace, and where the sound of weeping is no more. Let this act of giving remind us that your dream is still unfolding—and that we are called to help build it. In Christ's name, who is our joy. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "Soon and Very Soon" UMH # 706

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Responsive

People of God, as you leave this place, do not grow weary in doing what is right.

We will bring hope and love to all we meet, and proclaim justice and peace wherever we go.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, as you go forth, share God's vision of the peaceable kingdom.

We will share God's vision of peace and work for to bring God's kingdom near.

Children of the Holy Spirit, as you return home, live this vision and dream into reality.

* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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