



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 2024 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Guide Us Ever, Great Redeemer" Paul Manz

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: Friends, for the sake of love, we are here,

All: Gathering as the body of Christ!

One: Reflecting on our call to be the church,

All: Deciding how best to embody Christ in the world!

One: Striving for justice, compassion,

All: humility, and peace,

One: Letting the Spirit of oneness in Jesus draw us together!

*GATHERING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" #59 *New Century Hymnal vv.1-2*
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;

Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and blight;

Holy Spirit, ever raising, earthbound souls to glory high;

Living, life-impacting Spirit; you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;

Holy Spirit, ever striving through your people's ceaseless strife;

Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ;

In our worship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts unpriced.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)**

Ever present One, you call us to be your presence, your body in this world,
**but too often we get caught up in being a hand or a foot,
and lose sight of the overarching mission you set before us.**

We go our separate ways, forgetting we need each other to be whole.

**Help us see with new eyes, and hear with the ears of our heart,
the liberating Spirit that enables us to be and do all you call us to be and do.**

(silent confession)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE (2)**

Hear the good news! God's Spirit surrounds us with forgiveness and love.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE: "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" v.3**

**Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry—
quicken, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul,
In community unending you we worship and extol.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM "The Prayer" with "Lead Us, Lord" Carole Bayer Sager & David Foster

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 65:17-25 Pew Bible pp.607-608

A Word of God that is still speaking,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

BAPTISMAL HYMN: “Crashing Waters at Creation” #326 *New Century Hymnal*
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**Crashing waters at creation ordered by the Spirit’s breath,
First to witness day’s beginning from the brightness of night’s death.**

**Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage—channel to a life made new.**

**Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the One foretold,
Opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.**

**Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, Source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.**

RESPONDING

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM/RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME

They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.

And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

ADDRESS

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ’s church, the sign and seal of their participation in God’s forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ’s body.

QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

We promise our love, support, and care.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

Let us, the members and friends of Hope United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ:

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.

We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.

By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and be witnesses of our risen savior.

GREETINGS AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

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

"Amazing Grace"

Hal Hopson and Charles Callahan

(Offer to God and then use this time for prayer. A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #778 *New Century Hymnal*

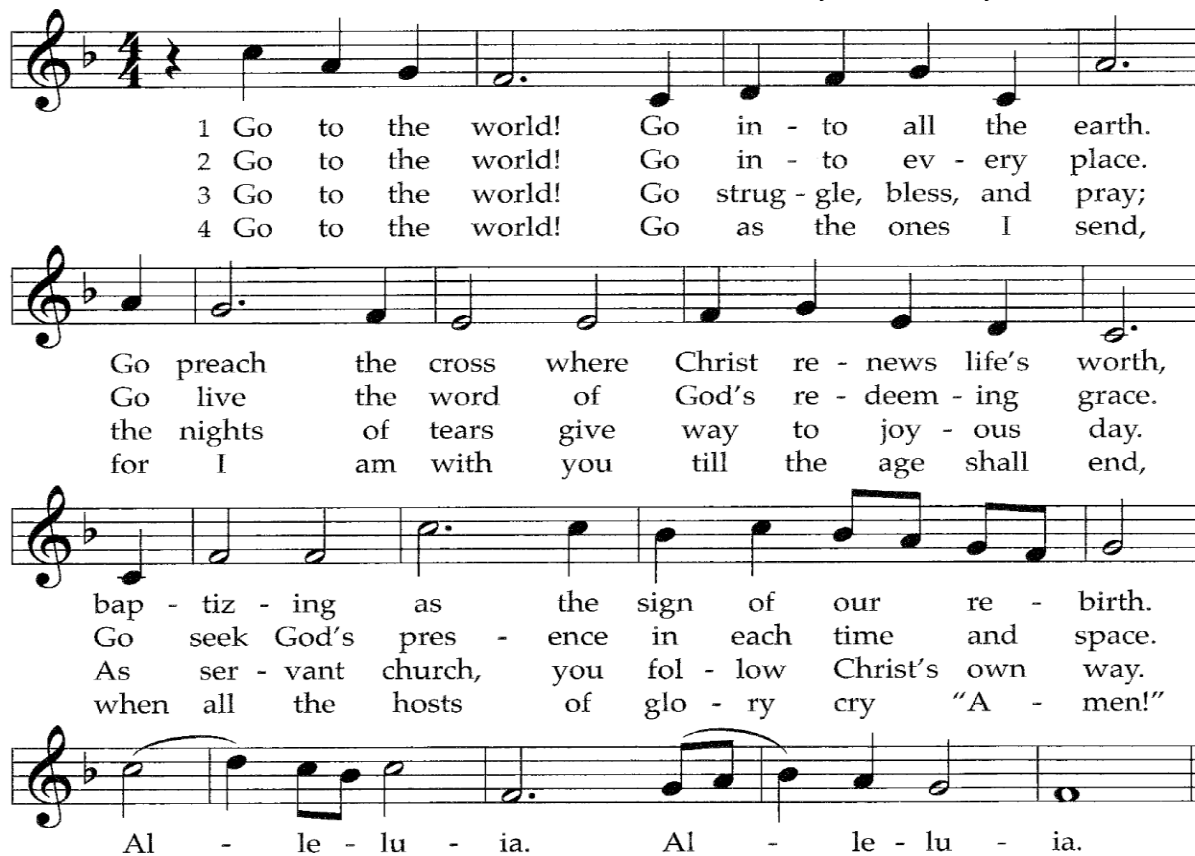
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

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

*COMMISSIONING HYMN "Go to the World!" #295 *Glory to God Hymnal*



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Worship Endnotes:

1. Adapted from www.unitedchurch.ca
2. Adapted from www.ministrymatters.com

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