



Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

November 17, 2024 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Hymn to Joy" Wayne L. Wold

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

All: Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.

One: Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

All: The rock of ages is a foundation like no other.

One: Hope arises, as the tools of war are broken and the weak are given strength.

All: Hope lives when the hungry are fed and the poor are lifted up.

One: God comes bringing judgment to the ends of the earth,
calling us to hope and faithfulness.

All: Come, rock of ages, come quickly now.

*GATHERING HYMN: "Great Is Your Faithfulness" #423 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-2
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator, with you no shadow of turning we see.

You do not change, your compassions they fail not; all of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain: Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God unto me!**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)**

By a single offering, Christ has perfected us for all time. Let us approach this time of confession with true hearts, in full assurance that Christ's mercy is strong enough to bear all of our burdens.

Merciful God, look upon us, your servants gathered here, with grace and compassion. Hear our every need. Speak to our fearful hearts, that we may pour out our confessions and admit our wrongdoings. Loving God, you have heard our anxieties, our vexations, our worries, our hopes, our dreams. Breathe in us the spirit of forgiveness, that we may receive your grace, and may walk in freedom. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. (silent confession)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for our God, the God of all ages, the one who has promised forgiveness, is faithful! In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Great Is Your Faithfulness" v.3**

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring, your own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided, Great is your faithfulness, God unto me!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM "Christ Be My Leader" Irish folk tune; Arr. Michael Bedford

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Pew Bible p. 214

A Word of God that is still speaking, Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” #596 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide; my shelter be!
Let the water and the blood, from your wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double, cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill your law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; you must save, and you alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to your cross I cling;
Naked, come to you for dress; helpless, look to you for grace;
Stained, I to fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, meet you at your judgment throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide; my shelter be!**

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 "Meditation in G Minor" Simon Lesley

(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

***COMMISSIONING HYMN** “God Be with You” #81 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)
**God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

Refrain

**Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; Wings of shelter safely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again. (*Refrain*)**

**God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again. (*Refrain*)**

**God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again. (*Refrain*)**

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet in Dialogue"

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

SENDING

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

Worship Endnotes

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