

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 17, 2024**

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Meditation before Worship**

*God of possibilities, fill us with your hope and faithfulness. Listen to us as we pour out our souls before you. Grant us the grace to be your people and to live your teachings. Live in us, that we may arise with hope and walk in love. In the name of Christ our rock, we pray. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Minute for Mission**

Holiday Helpers

Debbie Blaho

#### **Introit**

“In Thy House”

E. G. Monk, 1861

In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee;

And for thine acceptance proffer all unworthily

Hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest psalmody.

#### **\*Call to Worship** (*1 Samuel 2, Mark 13*)

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

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

Leader: Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

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

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

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

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

**ALL: Come, rock of ages, come quickly now! Amen!**

**\*Hymn**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me”

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## **The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**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 walk in freedom and glorious hope. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen. (*Silent prayer of confession*)**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response Hymn** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” (verse 1) #688

## **Ministry of the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Children’s Sermon**

**First Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 10:11-14

**Choir Anthem** “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” arr. Mark Edwards, 2024

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;

With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.

By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;

O sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds rain goodness, the deserts bloom and spring,

The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.

God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase;

He crowns the year with blessing, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

## **Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 13:1-8

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Sermon**

“When There Are No More Stones!”

Pastor Steven Watters

## **The Response to the Word**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

### **\*Hymn**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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## **Recognition of Amy Diehl**

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Pastor:** ... God of hopefulness;

**Response:** Remember your people.

**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.**

## **Invitation to Offering**

\*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending of God's People

\*Closing Hymn

“My Lord! What a Morning”

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\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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\*Postlude

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

arr. Anna Laura Page

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          Désirée M. Youngblood

Liturgist: Laura Madden

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd  
Organist: Carol Welk