

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

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 18, 2022**

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

## **Meditation before Worship**

*Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory and the treasure of your grace. Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts, that we may show your love to this generation, and welcome us into your eternal home, where we will worship and serve you forever; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

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

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

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

arr. Dale Wood

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Minute for Mission**

Martha Geib Memorial Scholarship

Stephanie Huddleston

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

**People: We come in celebration and song.**

Leader: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

**People: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.**

Leader: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

**People: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing in Jesus' name.**

Leader: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

People: We come in celebration and song.

**\*Hymn**

“I Surrender All”

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

**\*Call to Confession**

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

**Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way.**

**Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name’s sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

(Silent prayer of confession.)

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

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## **Ministry of the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Children’s Sermon**

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 79:1-9

**Choir Anthem**

“O Lord, Our God, Arise”

Amy Beach, 1903

O Lord, our God, arise, the cause of truth maintain;  
And wide over all the world extend its blessed reign.  
Thou Prince of Life, arise, nor let thy conquest cease;  
Far spread thy glorious Name and bless the earth with peace.  
Thou, Holy Spirit, rise, exert thy quickening power,  
And over the darkened world thy light outpour.  
All on the earth, arise, to God the Savior sing;  
From earth to heaven, let his high praises ring.

## Second Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** “The Shrewd and the Faithful”

Rev. Désirée Youngblood

### The Response to the Word

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*read in unison*)

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only 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 again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.**

**\*Hymn**

“Take My Life”

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**Prayers of the People and 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Invitation to Offering**

**\*Response**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (v. 1)

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

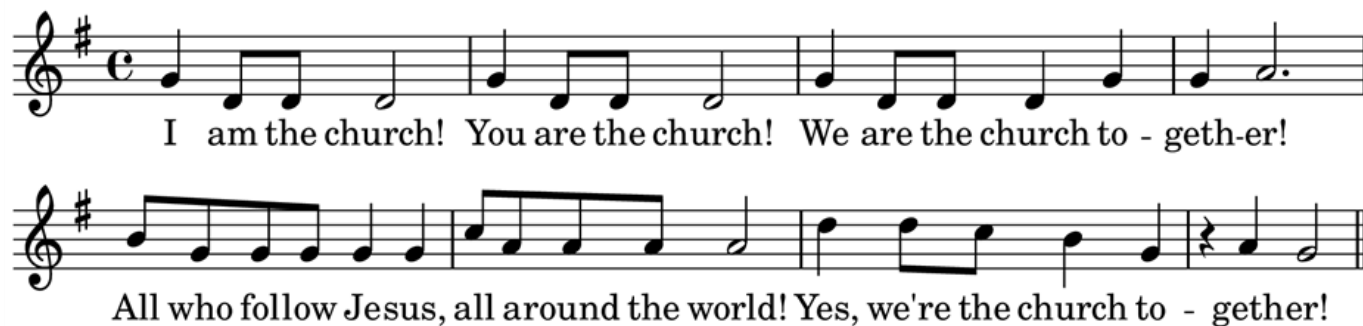
### The Sending of God’s People

**\*Closing Hymn** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

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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 first line of lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of 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

### "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Gregg Sewell

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**Pastors:** Rev. Désirée Youngblood  
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

**Music Director:** Thomas Lloyd  
**Organist:** Carol Welk

**Liturgist:** Joyce Lloyd

**Flowers:** John, Tom & Joyce Lloyd have given the flowers on the altar in celebration and thankfulness for Annette Shaw's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.