

GATHERING, PRELUDE, O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER Dates

15th Advisory Report due (this is a changed date!)
20 – 10a – Start Advent Study – at home of Dinah Benson
23 Christ the King Sunday
27 Thanksgiving Day
30 Advent Begins

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 98

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!*

Come, let us worship the Lord!

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 89

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(by Haley Ballast / PO)*

**God of wisdom, open your word to your people today,
and open the hearts of your people to your Word.
May we receive the truth your Spirit is speaking to the church,
trusting that it will nourish and strengthen us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Job 19:23–27a

In my flesh I will see God

2 Thessalonians 2:(1–12,) 13–17

Called to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 20:27–38

Some who say there is no resurrection

CONFESSION

Ps. 145:18

FotW

*The psalmist tells us that the Lord is near
to all who call on God in truth.*

*Therefore let us now turn to God in prayer,
trusting in the nearness and compassion of the Holy One.*

Ps. 17:3–8

**Gracious God, we call upon you, for you will answer us.
We confess that we have transgressed in our speech
and have not always avoided the ways of the violent.
Our steps have not always held to your paths.
Try us, forgive us, and heal us, dear God.
Set us on your right ways,
and guard us as the apple of your eye,
embracing us once more in your steadfast love. Amen.**

Silent Prayers

*God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion
and forgives our sins.*

Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. Amen.

CHOIR HYMN: How Great Thou Art 77
SERMON

HYMN: Children of the Heavenly Father 141

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BRINGING OUR GIFTS

FotW

*In celebration of the God of life
who sustains, upholds, saves, and watches over us,
let us continue our worship
through offering our tithes and gifts to almighty God.*

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PRAYER

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**O God, may the resources that are gathered here
be a blessing to the world you so love.
Guard our paths and do not let our feet slip;
keep us as the apple of your eye.
Give us wisdom and humility as we seek to be
faithful stewards of all your good gifts. Amen.**

HYMN:

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

2 Thess. 2:16-17

FotW

*Hold fast to the traditions you have been taught,
giving thanks in all things.
And now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and
God our Creator, by the power of the Holy Spirit, who loved us
and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,
comfort your hearts and strengthen them
in every good work and word, this day and ever more.*

Amen

POSTLUDE

God of the Ages

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

Year C – Season After Pentecost – November 9, 2025

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Scriptures

Job 19:23–27a
Psalm 17:1–9

Complementary

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17
Luke 20:27–38

Questions for Reflection

We each have our own ideas and visions of what happens to us after we die. When the opponents of Jesus tried to trick him by asking a convoluted question about what heaven is like after we die, Jesus replied by saying that God is not the God of the dead but of the living because we are always alive to God (Luke 20:38).

How does that inform our sense of Christian community, of the communion of saints, and of life everlasting?

Morning Prayer:

Holy One, I want to see you today in this world with my own eyes.
Even though your greatness is unsearchable,
today I want to meditate on your wondrous works all around me.
Give me the eyes of faith through which to see you.
Renew me, that I may praise you with a new song. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

God, thank you for guiding my steps on your paths today.
Where my feet may have slipped, forgive me.
You have wondrously shown me your steadfast love
through the course of this day.
Now let me fall asleep in the shadow of your wings,
for I have seen today that you are my redeemer, the living God.
Amen.

Scriptures

Haggai 1:15b–2:9
Psalm 98 or 145:1–5, 17–21

Semicontinuous

2 Thess. 2:1–5, 13–17
Luke 20:27–38

Questions for Reflection

How will it change the way we treat one another—or even ourselves—if, like the psalmist declares, we bless God's name every day rather than cling to the negative or complain about the things that do not go as planned?

The writer of Second Thessalonians implores his readers to “hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter” (2 Thess. 2:15).

Identify some traditions you should hold on to. Are there traditions we should reclaim? What about traditions that have served their purpose and can be let go? What are the traditions of the church?

Morning Prayer:

God of life, for this new day we give thanks.
May we bear witness to the gift of life in all we say and do,
from the flowers that bloom to the critters that creep,
from the friends we seek out to the strangers we encounter.
As the birds sing out their praises, may we, too, make a joyful noise.
May our words and our actions reveal your good news.
Help us to be inspired and awed by your extraordinary creation.
Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Holy God, you have indeed done marvelous things
and we give thanks.
Throughout this day we were challenged and found hope;
we were surprised by the places and people who give witness to you.
Be with us and those we love this night.
Comfort those who are uneasy or afraid.
Guide us through the night to the dawn of a new day
filled with hope and promise. Amen.