

11th Sunday After Pentecost
August 24, 2025

GATHERING: *God invites us to enter His presence*

PRELUDE *More About Jesus*

Kendall

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

Hob Pusey

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We listen, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,
sometimes startling and unexpected,
sometimes still and quiet,
but always dwelling among us.

e watch and wait for the Word of God.

✠ **INVOCATION** *(Responsively)*

Hob Pusey

Holy and loving God,
we come to you,
with hopes and fears,
with convictions and doubts,
with pain and joy.

By your Spirit,
**help us to see all things
in the light of your Word,
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

By your Spirit,
**help us to pray honestly,
to listen attentively,
to encourage one another warmly.**

By your Spirit,
help us grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns forever.
All glory to you, both now and forever! Amen.

✠ **OPENING HYMN 9** *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

CONFESSING: *God invites us to be honest with Him*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hob Pusey

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.
—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hob Pusey

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused
world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. **Amen.**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hob Pusey

Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you, you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

—Isaiah 44:21-22, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

✠ GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men*

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You

All: And also with you

OFFERING: *Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him*

INVITATION With gladness, let us present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Jesus Savior, Pilot Me
Pamela Johnson, Linda Gyrath*

Gould

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Responsively)*

Almighty God, you have given us everything.
Not only did you create us, but you provide for our every need.
We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.
Your love endures forever.
When we turned away from you, you reached down to us.
You lifted us up and freed us through the gift of your Son.
We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.
Your love endures forever.
You are with us always. You watch over our coming and our going.
Your Holy Spirit guides us and leads us every step of our lives.
We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.
Your love endures forever.
For your abundant grace we give you thanks.
Gratefully we offer the gifts you first gave us.
We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.
Your love endures forever.
Use our time, our talents, and our tithes for your glory.
May it bless others with hope, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

PREPARATION SONG *By Faith (See Screen)*

PROCLAIMING: *God speaks to us through His Work*

SCRIPTURE READING *Colossians 2:1-15*

2 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom

and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

SERMON *"Walking in the Faith"*
 Rev. Dan Stewart

✠ **HYMN OF RESPONSE 410** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

RESPONDING: *We respond to God's Word*

✠ **PROFESSION OF FAITH** *(In Unison)*

**Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,**

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

—Psalm 90:1-2, NRSV

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Responsively)*

Gracious God, your Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation.

You made a world that was breathtaking and life-giving.

Sin invaded this world and shattered it.

Pollution, disease, and natural disasters plague our world.

God, our provider, heal the sick, give peace to the dying,

shelter the homeless, and protect the vulnerable.

With your Holy Spirit, renew your creation.

When you formed humanity, you breathed your spirit into us.

You walked in the garden. You wanted fellowship with us.

Our sin separated us from you, so we live in a world of pain and hurt.

Some are hungry. Some are lonely. Some are empty.

Almighty God, giver of strength, feed the hungry, quench the thirsty,
support the orphans, uplift the depressed, and free the downtrodden.

With your Holy Spirit, point us to new life in Christ.

You called a people to be your own and to be a light to the world.

Throughout the world your church suffers.

Some are mocked for professing your name. Some are killed for
praying to you.

Some pursue personal preferences rather than loving unity.

God, our refuge, shield from harm those who love you,

surround us with your mercy, and gird your church with the fruit of
your Spirit.


**With your Holy Spirit, empower your church to witness to your
glory. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the
Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

COMMISSIONING: *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

✠ **COMMISSION HYMN 483** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Carry His Love With You* *Mason*

 *Please stand if you are able.*