



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 24TH, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM  
✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Lord of All Hopefulness* ARR. ARNATT

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 71

In you, O Lord, we take refuge, let us never be put to shame

**You are our rock and our fortress.**

Rescue us, O God, from the hand of the wicked

**For you are our hope, our trust since our youth.**

From birth you have sustained us, it is you who brought us forth

**Our praise is continually of you.**

✠ HYMN *'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus* UMH 462

✠ APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

ENDOWMENT WITNESS

OFFERTORY *May The Mind of Christ My Savior* LARSON

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S LESSON (11)

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HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* UMH 731

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, we are your body. Speak to us now that we may hear with one heart, believe with one mind, and live as citizens of your unshakable kingdom. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Hebrews 12:18-29 (8:30)*  
*1 Corinthians 12:12-26 (11)*

SERMON *The Body*

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**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN

*My Hope Is Built*

UMH 368

## ✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Lift Up Your Heads*

ARR. WEISS

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Martha & Grant Barricklow,  
Emily Garner, Katie  
Robertson

### PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht  
Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

### MUSIC

Chancel Choir  
Director, Tom Hood  
Accompanist,  
John Richardson

### LITURGIST:

Emily Garner

### STEPHEN MINISTERS:

8:30

Lisa LaTourette

11:00

Deb Slone

### USHERS:

Mark Woodrow

### MEDIA:

Colin Richardson  
Toby Monckton

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Bobby Norton by Bonnie Norton.

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# THE GATHERING

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**Preaching:** Rev. Michael Precht

**Liturgist:** Miles Barnhardt

**Communion Servers:** Sidney Carol & Miles Barnhardt

**Music:** Shea White and Praise Band

**Media and Sound:** Cole Jones, Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour

**Stephen Minister:** Dr. Ann Pearson

**Greeters:** Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Searce, Phil Webb,

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*\*Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Christian year, lasting until All Saints' Day on November 1. It is known as "ordinary" time, not because it is dull or plain, but because this is the season for remembering how the resurrection and reign of Jesus bring a new "order" to our lives and the world.*

OPENING SONG *Unstoppable God*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 71

SINGING OUR PRAISE

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

*King of Kings*

*Holy Forever*

PRESENTATION OF 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLES

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