

20th Sunday After Pentecost October 26, 2025

GATHERING: *God invites us to enter His presence*

PRELUDE *Christ is All in All*
(Flute, Piano)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

 **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)* *Dennis Lesher*

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.
Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.
Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, my soul.
—Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22, NIV

 **INVOCATION** *Dennis Lesher*

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body.
Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name,
that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church,
and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

 **OPENING HYMN 462** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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

CALL TO CONFESSION *Dennis Lesher*

The psalmist testifies:
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.
In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dennis Lesher

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious,
filled with mercy and steadfast love,
we are embarrassed to come before you,
for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,
for we have rebelled against your wisdom
and we have gotten into trouble,
for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether.
To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face.
O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe,
Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
incline your ear to our troubles.
Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.
Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of your great mercy.
On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in his name that we pray,
for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. **Amen.**

—based on Daniel 9:4-19

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dennis Lesher

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

—Psalm 103:8-13, 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*

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

INVITATION Give to the Lord glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. We will sacrifice a thank offering to God

and call on the name of the Lord. We will fulfill our vows to the Lord, in the presence of all God's people. Let each of us use whatever gift we have received, faithfully sharing God's grace in many forms. Freely we have received; freely we will give.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Victory in Jesus*
 Dan Baker



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

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself.
As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way.
Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care.
As we contribute to the needs of your people,
we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You
All: And also with you

PREPARATION SONG *Christ is All in All (See Screen)*

PROCLAIMING: *God speaks to us through His Work*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
—based on Psalm 119:105, NRSV

SCRIPTURE READING *2 Kings 5:15-27*

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." ¹⁶ But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. ¹⁸ In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." ¹⁹ He said to him, "Go in peace."

But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him." ²¹ So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?" ²² And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me to say, 'There have just now

come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.”²³ And Naaman said, “Be pleased to accept two talents.” And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi.²⁴ And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed.²⁵ He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” And he said, “Your servant went nowhere.”²⁶ But he said to him, “Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants?”²⁷ Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.” So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

SERMON

*“Contentment or Covetousness?”
Rev. John Sheldon*

HYMN OF RESPONSE 466 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

RESPONDING: *We respond to God’s Word*

PROFESSION OF FAITH (In Unison)

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

—from Colossians 1:15-20, NRSV

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of compassion and love, you have breathed into us the breath of life
and have given us mind and will. In our frailty we surrender all life to you from whom it came,
trusting in your gracious promises, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

 **COMMISSION HYMN 461** *He Leadeth Me*

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

 *Please stand if you are able.*