

22nd Sunday After Pentecost November 9, 2025

GATHERING: *God invites us to enter His presence*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

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

Jim Fox

God invites us into his healing presence with these words:

"I am the Lord, who heals you."

**Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated,
we come hungering for health that only God can provide.**

God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears,
and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.

We bow before him in faith and expectancy!

—based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

 **INVOCATION** *(Responsively)*

Jim Fox

Jesus Christ, you come to transfigure us
and renew us in the image of God:

shine in our darkness.

Jesus Christ, light of our hearts, you know our thirst:

lead us to the wellspring of your gospel.

Jesus Christ, light of the world, you shine in every human being:

enable us to discern your presence in each person.

Jesus Christ, friend of the poor:

open in us the gates of simplicity so that we can welcome you.

Jesus Christ, gentle and humble of heart:

renew in us the spirit of childhood.

Jesus Christ, you send your church to prepare your path in the world:

open for all people the gates of your kingdom. Amen.

 **OPENING HYMN 1** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jim Fox

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

—based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Fox

Gracious God,
you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus
to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit
so that we can be born to new life as your children.
Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction
and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage
to choose and nurture life, that we may receive your blessing. **Amen.**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jim Fox

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins
is proclaimed to you.
In Christ we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace.

—from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7, 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 I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and
proper worship.

—Romans 12:1, NIV

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Wondrous Love
Robin Miller, vocal

Cook

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

We are not our own; we belong to you.
You have created us and given us life anew,
O God, our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer.
We extend our arms and open our hands

to present our offerings to you.
We make these gestures to display outwardly
our hearts' overflowing gratitude for all your gifts.
Receive these gifts from us, O Triune God,
and through them bring life and hope to many.
In the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You

All: And also with you



PREPARATION SONG

Come Unto Jesus (See Screen)

PROCLAIMING: *God speaks to us through His Work*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding,
that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and
minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 2:20 (16-21)

¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ **I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.** ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

SERMON

"Dying to Live"

Rev. Steve Wilson



SONG OF RESPONSE

Love That Will Not Let Me Go (See Screen)

RESPONDING: *We respond to God's Word*



PROFESSION OF FAITH (In Unison)

**This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God:

Thank you for our eyes.

Teach us to see your world
and each other as you do;
give us eyes of compassion
and love for each other and for your world.

Thank you for our ears.

Make us quick to listen to what you are saying to us,
and also quick to listen to each other.

Thank you for our minds.

Help us to develop the mind of Christ;
we ask for your wisdom as we make decisions.

Thank you for our voices.

May we always speak the truth in love
and sing your praises with joy. **Amen.**

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



COMMISSION HYMN 364

My Jesus, I Love Thee

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

—based on Philippians 4:7

POSTLUDE



Please stand if you are able.