



Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice
in the warmth of God's love and light by
teaching the holy word,
serving Christ's community, and
growing together in faith.



November 19, 2023
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Service for the Lord's Day
Stewardship Dedication Sunday
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9:30 am

Prelude

*Now Thank We All Our God
We Gather Together*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Wilbur Held

Call to Worship

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: You have been our home throughout all the ages.

One: You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. Let us worship God!

*Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

No. 643

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Siblings in Christ, when we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wise in heart to God's commands. You are freed to love one another, for your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was
in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

With Thankful Hearts
Memorial Ringers

Douglas E. Wagner

Children's Message

*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.
After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Prayer for Illumination

Kim Bailey-Manzella

Old Testament Reading Psalm 100: 1-5 (page 481)

Anthem *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Benjamin Harlan

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home! All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home. We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield, wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown. First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; gather all thy people in, free from sorrow free from sin, there, forever purified in thy presence to abide. Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 31-46 (page 807)

Sermon *The Least of These* Rev. Amy Lincoln

Stewardship Dedication and Collection of Offering

You are invited to come forward with your 2024 Pledge Card and offering and place it in the basket on the Communion Table while singing the hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own."

Thank you for supporting the work of our congregation by sharing your time, energy and financial contributions!

Hymn (seated) *We Give Thee But Thine Own* No. 708

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace; it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

O God of constancy, you are our home and dwelling place forever. Thank you for giving your people a gift beyond all value, the treasure of eternal life. Bless our gifts that we offer you this day and those we will give you through the coming year. With them may we share your love with others and shine your light. Amen.

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

*Hymn

We Gather Together

No. 336

*Charge and Benediction

Response

May the God of Hope

Dale Grotenhuis

May the God of hope now fill us with all joy and peace.

Postlude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Kathy Finnerty, piano

Lani Smith

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