

A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING  
THE 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
November 17, 2024  
(8:30 a.m.)



PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord" David Paxton  
Annetta Sekula, Organist

A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Jeanie Quigley

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Though the mountains may shake, we are standing on holy ground.  
Though the earth moves under our feet, Christ alone is our solid rock.  
Though the walls may crack, our refuge is in the everlasting love of God.  
Though fear may seek to sweep us away, God is our strength and guide.  
Be with us Lord, today. Amen.*

\*SING TOGETHER #66 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

PRAYERS OF JOY, PRAYERS OF NEED

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD Mark 13:1-8 (p. 925)

MESSAGE FOR TODAY "Shining Like the Stars"

Rev. Timothy E. Haut

PRAYER

\*HYMN #733 Marching to Zion

BENEDICTION



*Welcome on this beautiful November morning! May the peace you find here in this place go with you into the week ahead.*

*You are invited to place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church. Please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall following the service.*

NOVEMBER PRAYER

God of the bittersweet and the bare branch,  
sing a song for the darkness.

Let it be a song of thanks,  
a tune as sweet as sunlight  
and the memory of golden hills;  
and let it be a song to still

the restless winds and winter's fearfulness.

Sing to us a melody of hope  
when hearts are cold and night is long;  
a song to help us see the winging geese  
and turning constellations,  
so that we might rise, rise with them  
toward that flaming, bright horizon  
at the edges of our world.

God of the first frost and the fox's cry,  
sing a song for the waning light,

Let it be a song of faith,  
so that the last leaf and the fallow earth  
may be signs both of ending and beginning.

Let your hymn make us brave as bulbs,  
sunk in the sightless earth,  
making ready for spring.

Sing to us a song of love,  
sing it deep inside us,  
a sweetness for our most bitter times,

a peace to give us holy rest,  
an answering voice  
at the end of our truest prayers.

Amen. Amen.

--Timothy Haut



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INTROIT "Sweet River" Arr. Karissa Dennis  
Chancel Handbell Choir

GATHERING WORDS Jeanie Quigley, Lay Reader

\*OPENING HYMN #66 Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna

\*HYMN OF DISMISSAL #733 Marching to Zion  
(Our children will be excused to go to their Sunday School classes.)

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 16:5-11 (p. 748 Red Hymnal)

\*RESPONSE 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. Amen. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF ANNETTA SEKULA

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH  
THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

\*RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

ANTHEM "Thanksgiving" John Ness Beck

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Daniel 12:1-3 (p. 819)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 13:1-8 (p. 925)

A MOMENT FOR PRAYER

SERMON "Shining Like the Stars" Rev. Timothy E. Haut

\*CLOSING HYMN #68 When in Our Music God is Glorified

BENEDICTION (based on our Mission Statement)

May we the Church, go from this place,  
remembering that we are created by God,  
called by Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit.  
May we find strength to teach in the ways of Jesus,  
to do the work of reconciliation and justice.  
May we live faithfully in our daily lives.

CHORAL RESPONSE "My Tribute" A. Crouch

POSTLUDE "A Mighty God" Surzynski

\*Please stand, if you are able



The **flowers** are given by **Peggie Sypher** marking the **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gift she gave to Robbie Lunn – a kidney!** Peggie shared her spare & gave him hope for the future.

**Flowers** are also given by **Cheryl & Jim Caronna** in honor of **Annetta's ministry among us.**

Our **Ushers** this morning are **Susan Miron** and **Diane Brooks.**

**Family Fellowship** will be hosted by the **Sr. Choir** in honor of **Annetta Sekula**, who is retiring at the end of the year.

Thank you to **Tom Groth** for doing the **live stream** today.



Welcome everyone on this beautiful autumn morning! We hope that the peace you find in this place will be the peace you carry with you into the world! You are invited to place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church.

