

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PLEDGE DEDICATION** *(responsive)*

Leader: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

People: You have entrusted us with gifts— time, talent, energy, money— and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

Leader: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

People: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

Leader: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

People: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #295**

Go To The World!

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Moonshot by Andrea Dow

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. A short meeting with the update on the results of the stewardship campaign and the proposed budget will take place after worship. Then you're invited to join us for a Stewardship Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Today's liturgist is Karen Stewart. The special musician is Dani Patdu-Pinkerton. The Usher is Lourdes Gonzalez. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church's website.

Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children's activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary during worship. There is also childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary. A diaper changing station is in the room labeled "Teen Lounge" just past the bathrooms.

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.



PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

"The neighborhood church with a big mission"

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

November 16, 2025 Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost 11:00 am

(*) *You’re invited to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Consolation* by Felix Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MOMENT OF PREPARATION Rev. Caitlin Culp

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Disciples of Christ, we are invited into the ministry of God.
People: We accept the invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Leader: Disciples of Christ, we have gathered to celebrate the ministry of God.
People: We accept the commission to proclaim the good news.
Leader: Disciples of Christ, let us offer our thanksgiving!
People: Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving, for the ministry of God!

***OPENING HYMN #26** *Earth and All Stars!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) *adapted from Howard Thurman*

Lord, open unto us – courage for our fear, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, tenderness for our toughness, love for our hates, forgiveness for our sins. Open unto us thy Self for ourself. Lord, Lord, open unto us. *Silent prayer.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE #582** *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

PASSING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

ANTHEM *Liebesträume* by Franz Liszt Dani Patdu-Pinkerton

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Karen Stewart

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 98 (*pg. 529*) Karen Stewart

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Kent Hamaker

SECOND SCRIPTURE 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (*pg. 190*)

SERMON Caitlin Culp

***HYMN #761** *Called As Partners in Christ’s Service*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

You’re invited to share prayer requests aloud.

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.

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*