

August 24th, 2025

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Preludes: "Trust in You", "Build a Boat",
"Hard Fought Hallelujah"

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God's salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.

By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God's love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.

By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God's desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.

By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.

By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God's already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.

*Song of Praise "Blessed Be Your Name"

Children's Message "Hall of Fame"

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The New Testament Lesson(s): Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader: The word of God, For the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Offertory

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope, to trust in what we cannot see. As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources but also our faith -- faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love. Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our longing for your kingdom and our trust in your promises. May our generosity inspire others to live with courage and conviction, seeking that better country you have prepared for us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"Faith of Our Fathers"

UMH 710

Message: Dear Children of God: Dear Beloved Children

Week 1

"Desire A Better Country"

Music Ministry

"Somebody Prayed"

*Hymn

"Here I Am Lord"

UMH 593

Benediction and Going Forth:

**“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world.”**



**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**

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