



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 12, 2023

ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“It is Well with my Soul”

Jarka Pederson

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 70:4

Suzi Thompson

One: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

All: Let those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is Great!”

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

#393

**O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,**

**most beautiful, most bright;
on you, the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy"
to the great God triune.**

**On you, at earth's creation
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
sent Spirit forth from heaven.
And thus on you, most glorious,
a triple light was given.**

**On you, God's people, meeting,
the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting,
through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy and gracious God, you are light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters in his world, continually grasping for more and more. Rather than trust your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with your grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

KYRIE ELEISON

#437

Cantor: You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

All: You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be to the Father”

#581

**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.**

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Toni Howell

***SONG**

"Jesus Loves Me!" (vs. 1)

#188

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.**

**and soon he will draw nigh.
Up, watch with expectation;
at midnight comes the cry.**

**See that your lamps are burning;
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand;
arise, O heirs of glory;
the Bridegroom is at hand!**

**Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!**

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Lord, lord, open to us.”

Rev. Dr. Bill Pederson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIFTS OF TITHE AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Praise You In This Storm”
Sean Mann

**As the thunder rolls
I barely hear You whisper
Through the rain
I'm with You
And as Your mercy falls
I'll raise my hands
And praise the God who gives
And takes away**

**And I'll praise You in this storm
And I will lift my hands
For You are who You are
No matter where I am
And ev'ry tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm**

**I was sure by now
God You would have reached down
And wiped our tears away
Stepped in and saved the day
But once again I'll say amen
And it's still rainin'**

I remember when

***HYMN**

“Seek Ye First”

#175

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!**

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***CHARGE**

One: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

POSTLUDE

“Nocturne in G Minor”

Sean Mann

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BLESSING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

***FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

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