Twentieth-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. November 15, 2026

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and the Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 35 ***Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*** LOBE DEN HERREN

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.
People: We choose the living God.
Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life.
People: We will walk the way of Christ.
Leader: Faith is not about holding on.
People: Faith is about letting go.
Leader: We offer more than words, O God.
People: We offer you our lives.
Leader: May the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, we give you thanks, for you created us to live together in love and freedom with you, with one another, and with the world. You made us in your image and endowed us with gifts of reason, imagination, and will. We have been created in order that your goodness might be reflected in our lives, but we have fallen short of your glory. Though we live with neighbors, we have ceased to live for them. Though we live with you, we have ceased to live for you. Our hearts have been, too often, set on ourselves and not on you or others. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive our selfish ways.

Time of Silence and Personal Reflection

The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn 700 ***I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*** I'M GONNA LIVE

Micah 6:6-8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 816 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem ***Great Is The Lord*** arr. Ed Lojeski

Matthew 25:31-40 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 27 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon ***Matthew 25*** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Affirmation of Faith and ***Gloria Patri*** (No. 581)

Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death— even death on a Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.
(Phil. 2:5-11)

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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 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 727 ***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*** THE SERVANT SONG

*Benediction and Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

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*Those that are able, please stand.