

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

Gathering Music

“Lord, Prepare Me to Be a sanctuary” (MV # 18)

Welcome



*The Pharisee and
tax collector*

Light the Christ Candle

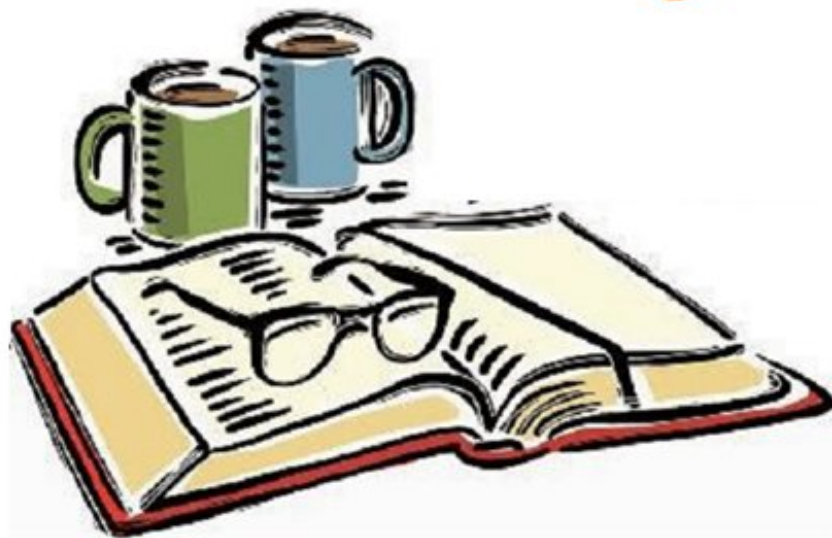
We light the Christ candle, a sign of the light that lives with us and within us. God's generous light shines out from us !



**We light this candle
as a sign of the
Christ-light we carry
within us. We are
God's generous light
in the world !
Amen.**

Announcements

Bible Study



Christian Living

All are
welcome !
Thursday
November 6
@7:00 pm
By Zoom



Prelude

*“Toccata
and Fugue
in D Minor”*

J. S. Bach

Prayer and Call to Worship

Praise to you, O God, from the wilderness of Sinai to the order of Jerusalem. By your awesome deeds, you call us into beauty and reverence. By your abundance, you remind us of your Grace.

The mountains are strengthened by joy. The rivers are full of life. The pastures overflow with new life. All of Creation sings together for joy. Though we have known drought, we will welcome rain. Though we have known shame, we will not wallow there, but instead seek to live in your mercy.

Brothers and sisters, we gather in gratitude to be formed and inspired by God's creative Word. Let us worship in song.

Amen.

Hymn VU # 520

“We Plough the Fields and Scatter”

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain

God,

**All good gifts around us
are sent from Heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy**

for all your love



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You only are the maker
of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give us daily bread.

Refrain

**All good gifts around us
are sent from Heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.**

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We thank you then, O Maker,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain

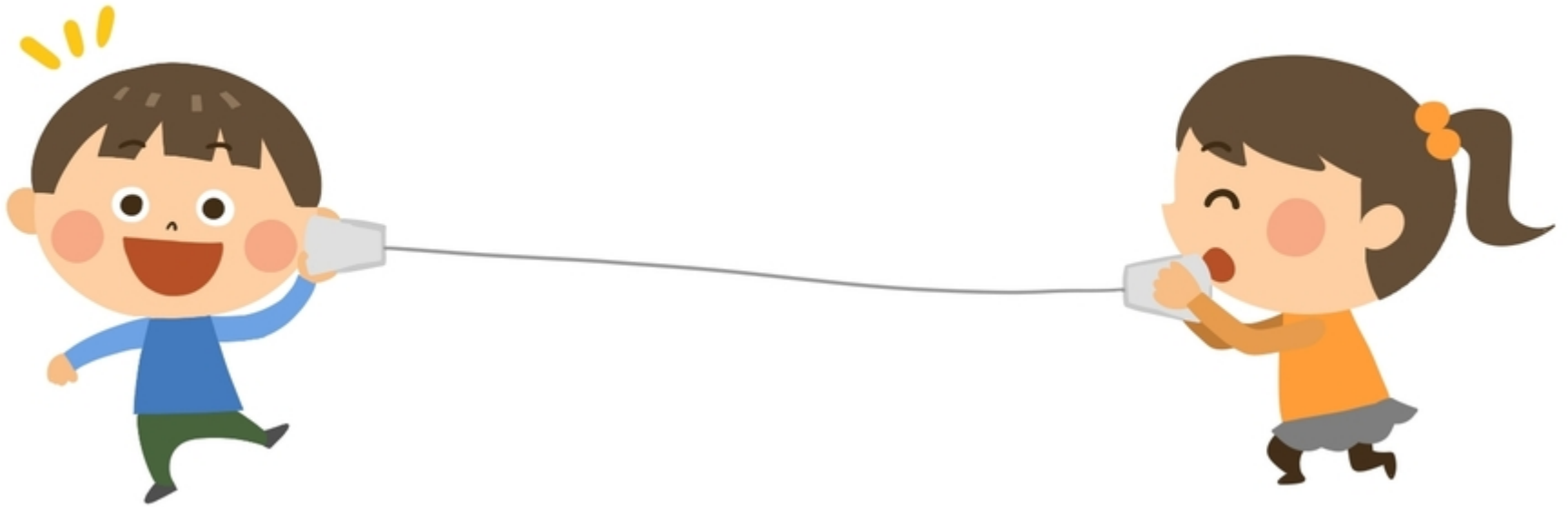
**All good gifts around us
are sent from Heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are humbled by your power and your righteousness. And yet, we do not always believe in the reality of your mercy. May you give us the strength to cast off our shame, to shed the excuses we use to protect ourselves from the love that transforms us and our world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

**God's promise to every generation is to know that God is there for us and we shall never be put to shame. Receive God's Grace and give it to one another.
Amen.**



Time with the Young People

by Yun-Hee

Children Song

“Hallelu ! Hallelu ! Hallelu ! Hallelujah !”

(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)

The Scriptures

read by Wendy

First Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Reading

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people - robbers, evildoers, adulterers - or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to Heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

We give thanks for inspiration.

Choir Anthem

Simple Gifts

Two Prayers

Luke 18:9-14

Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee



Hymn VU # 237 *“Let Us Praise the God of Truth”*

Let us praise the God of truth,
let us praise the God of peace,
let us praise the God of love. Amen.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Amen



Prayers of the People

God, we thank you that we are gathered here today and that you bring us closer in prayer.

Let us not pray that we not be like others, but that we move closer to one another. May you help us to find humility and exaltation in our oneness with you and each other.

O God may any who feel outside due to illness, depression, debt, shame, and oppression feel the mercy of you, in beloved community. In our hearts and with our voices, we lift up those we hope to draw closer: bless these individuals and all Creation.

May you help us to pray each day for the vision in the prayer that Jesus taught, until the day your realm is fully realised on Earth. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer VU # 960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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 Offer Our Gifts

Musical Offering VU# 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully



Offering Prayer

**God, we dedicate these gifts in honour of the gifts
you bestow on Creation. You visit the Earth and
water it, you greatly enrich it; you provide the
people with grain, for you have prepared the earth
for abundance. Let our gratitude be our promise to
spread your abundance to all living things
throughout Earth, so that no one is in need. Amen.**

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.



Blessing

May God stand by us and give us strength so that through us the message might be fully proclaimed and God's realm be fully realised.

And may we look to one another and be assured of the faith we keep together and the hope we may realise.



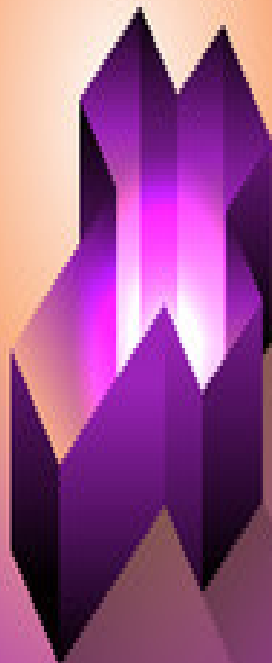
The Grace of Christ
attend you, the Love of
God surround you, and
the Holy Spirit keep you.
Amen.

Commissioning “Go Now in Peace”

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.***

***Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there within, around, above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.***





**God, we thank you for
being with us.**

**And
thank you Congregation for
worshipping today
in person and by Zoom !**

**And
thank you for
your participation !**

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{ A short devotional Time }

The apostle Paul encouraged God's people to trade anxious thoughts for faith – filled prayers, to believe He receives every request, and to praise Him while resting in the unfathomable peace of His never ending presence (Philippians 4: 6 – 7).

The Prince of Peace – Jesus – guards our emotional and mental well – being when we turn our thoughts toward qualities that point to Him, things that are “true,” “right,” “pure,” and “praiseworthy (v. 8).

The Peace of God protects us when we trust that the God of Peace is with us. Liberated from the burden of clinging to concerns, we can experience peace in the release of every prayer into God's trustworthy hands.