



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
November 2, 2025

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“The Gift of Love”

Carter

Welcome

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

Those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

He led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Songs of Praise

“Bring It to the Altar”

Zach, et al.

“I Speak Jesus”

Benton, et al.

“For All the Saints”

#254

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other and allow selfish pursuits to overshadow common interests. We do not always love one another. We do not know or bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

Psalms 126

Bruce Emery

Time for Young Disciples

Dan and Carrie Cobb

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:22-31

Sermon

“Consider This”

Pastor Matt

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

#396

Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Minute for Ministry

Stewardship

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

"Take, O Take Me as I Am" (*sing twice*)

#741

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

Communion - Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn "Before the Throne of God Above" #682

Prayers of the People

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn "To God Be the Glory" #604

Benediction

Postlude "Reflection" Wagner

Leading in Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Bruce Emery

Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols

Communion Server: Nancy Jacobson

Worship Music Team (varies): Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Dick Chambers, Iantha Frazer

Media Team (varies): Ruth Brown, Wayne Brown, Dan Cobb, Jody Cox, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair, Michele Haworth, Todd Haworth, Bonnie McCloskey, Bruce McCloskey, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Dorita Reed, Paul Stutesman, Mark Wendt
Slides: Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes.

Last Week's Attendance: 8:30 52, 11:00 48, Online 30

Slideshow this week: The Wonders of Fall