



November 19, 2023  
Twenty-Fifth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Gustav Holst

Welcome

Call to Worship

Day after day, an abundance of God's love,

**Morning by morning, new signs of blessing:**

A gentle rain, an awesome sunset,

**A friend's embrace, a child's smile,**

A new insight, a sense of peace,

**A shared meal, a treasured moment.**

All around us and deep within us are signs of God's presence.

**How can we not sing of God's faithfulness?**

## Songs of Praise

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"	#730
"He Knows My Name"	#339
"Give Thanks"	#358

## Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, Creator and Redeemer, We need you, as you are our only hope. We fail so often, sometimes not realizing it, even in the moment we confess our past. We blame you, yet we know better. We do the same things over and over, expecting different results! Lord, help us change our ways for your ways, for when we are thinking rationally, we know you are God, our only chance for life. We thank you for your gift of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is in his 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	Psalm 126	Jim Buckmaster
Time for Young Disciples		Barb and Bob Pappas
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	
Sermon	"Cultivating Joy"	Pastor Matt

## Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response	"Lord of All Good"	#879
Offering		

## Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Stewardship Dedication

“Christ, Be Our Light”

#908

## 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

“Salaam/Peace”

#298

## Benediction

## Postlude

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Behnke

## Leading in Today’s Service

*Worship Leaders:* Pastor Matt, Jim Buckmaster, Michael Rivers

*Pianist/Organist:* Anna Nichols

*Worship Music Team (varies):* Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan

*Media Team (varies):* Paul Stutesman, Todd Haworth, Wayne Brown,  
Bruce McCloskey, Bonnie McCloskey, Dorita Reed, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair,

Mark Wendt, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Sadie Miller

*Slides:* Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

## Next Sunday's Worship - November 26, Christ the King Sunday

Ephesians 1:15-23; \*Psalm 95:1-7a, "Jubilant Praise"; Pastor Matt will be preaching.

We mark the end of the church year--next week is the start of Advent--by celebrating the reign of Christ. In a fragile world of challenges and finitude, we find comfort and hope in Jesus' eternal reign. The psalmist offers just the right note for marking the occasion: jubilant praise! Let us rejoice together and celebrate our awesome Lord and Savior!

## Announcements

***Pie Sunday***, today, Sunday, November 19, after each service, Fellowship Hall

***Christmas Play practice***, today, Sunday, November 19, 12:30 pm, Downstairs Youth Rm

***Session***, Monday, November 20, 7 pm, Zoom

***FISH Company***, Tuesday, November 21, 8 am, Zoom

***Deacons Meeting***, Tuesday, November 21, 4 pm, Fellowship Hall

***Praise Team***, Tuesday, November 21, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

***Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service***, Tuesday, November 21, 7 pm, First United Methodist Church, 110 E 7th Street, Port Angeles

***Women's Bible Study***, Wednesday, November 22, 9 am, Upstairs Classroom

***Worship***, Sunday, November 26, 8:30 and 11 am; ***Sunday School***, 9:45 am

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