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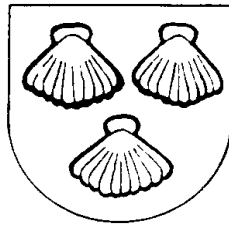
*Make a Joyful noise
unto the Lord...
Psalms 100:1*

November 23, 2025

9:30 am

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Gathering

Prelude

“Meditation from Thais” *Lanie Lilly, Scholarship Recipient*

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Introit

“We Gather Together” and “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Recorder Group

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Call to Worship

Susan Mascaro

ONE: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

ALL: Rejoice and be glad, for the Lord reigns.

Praise God with dance.

Praise God with songs of adoration.

For God lifts up the lowly and casts down the mighty.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

Prayer of the Day

Susan Mascaro

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the promise of a time when there will be no more weeping and joy will abound. This morning, we ask for release from the things of this world—our failures, fears, and burdens. Strengthen our faith as we anticipate Your coming kingdom of peace. Help us to build Your kingdom here and now, and grant us the grace to rejoice in Your abundant care. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

UMH 644

1. Jesu, joy of our desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.

2. Through the way where hope is guiding,
hark, what peaceful music rings;
where the flock, in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty’s fairest pleasure;
theirs is wisdom’s holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own
In the love of joys unknown.

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Passing of the Peace

Susan Mascaro

Proclaiming

Children’s Message

Tainya Clarke

Scripture

Psalm 66: 1-4 (NRSVue)

Susan Mascaro

Music

“A Prayer of Richard of Chichester”

Chancel Choir

L. J. White

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Scripture

Psalm 100: 1-5 (NRSVue) (In Unison)

Susan Mascaro

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Music

“Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place”

Chancel Choir

Gordon Young

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Scripture

Psalm 149: 1-3 (NRSVue)

Susan Mascaro

Music

Trilogy on “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Handbell Choir

arranged by Tammy Waldrop

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Scripture

Philippians 4: 4-9 (NRSVue)

Susan Mascaro

Responding

Offertory

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Handbell Choir

Henri A. Cesar Malan, 1787-1864

Arr Paul A. McKlveen

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***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Offering Prayer

Going Forth

*Closing Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH 89

1. Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

2. All thy works with joy surround thee
Earth and heaven reflect thy ways
Stars and angels sing around thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee

3. Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

4. Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Love divine is reigning o'er us
Binding all within its span
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

ONE: God's love surrounds us.

ALL: We go with God's blessing.

God's joy lifts us.

We go with God's blessing.

God's hope nurtures us.

We go with God's blessing.

Postlude

"Allegro Maestoso (from Water Music)" G. F. Handel

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Questions for Reflection

The prophet Jeremiah warns of shepherds who will destroy and scatter God's people (Jer. 23:1–2). How do we discern the difference between shepherds who have come to scatter and shepherds who have been raised up by God?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of the new day, at the dawning of the first day
you spoke creation into being and declared it good.
You crafted each flower and vegetable and bird of the air and beast of the land,
and there at all of it was Jesus the Christ.
We give thanks for the dawning of this day
and pray we might know your holy triune presence in all we see and do.
Guard our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies
that we, too, might sing the goodness of creation
and remember your call to be good stewards of it all. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Jesus, if I have not honored you with all my heart, forgive me.
If I have offended out of ignorance, pardon me.
Be with us and those we love tonight, and bring us through to the dawning of a new day filled with
righteousness, love, and peace. Amen.

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