



***“But for you who revere my name,
the sun of righteousness
shall rise, with healing in its wings.”***

MALACHI 4:2

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 2021

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *O God of love, you have called us into the church. We thank you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for one another. May our congregation be an incarnation of your love within and beyond these church doors, where there is loneliness, injustice, or misunderstanding; through Christ our Head, and the Holy Spirit our Strength. Amen.*

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Worship the King
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. Hatton

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Guide My Feet

SPIRITUAL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. John White

One: Are you awake? Are you alert?
ALL: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
One: Are you watching the signs?
Are you interpreting what is happening today?
ALL: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
One: Do you see opportunities for ministry?
Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?
ALL: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
One: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.
ALL: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SHOWALTER

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Leader: Lord Jesus, you seem absent when we struggle with suffering,
But you are there with your strength: Lord, have mercy.
PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: Jesus Christ, often we forget you in the cares of everyday life,
But you are there with us: Christ, have mercy.
PEOPLE: Christ, have mercy.
Leader: Lord Jesus, we neglect to care for you in our sick and neglected brothers and sisters,
But you want us to serve you in them: Lord, have mercy.
PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: Forgive us all our sins, Lord, and make us look for your presence.
Walk with us and lead us to the feast of everlasting life.
PEOPLE: Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Leader: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

People: **We are God's children, called to act differently, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (*Hymn: 581*)

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

ANTHEM

This is My Father's World / He's Got the Whole World
Chancel Choir Interns | Chloe Price, Soprano

arr. Raney

THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

*HYMN: 698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

TAKE ME AS I AM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Malachi 4:1-3 (Page 890)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Mark 13:1-8 (Page 50)*

Rev. John White

SERMON

I Think There's a Mother

Rev. John White

**Congregation standing, if able*

RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Courtney Bowen

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it,
pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

OFFERING OFFERTORY

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Rev. Courtney Bowen
arr. Bock

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. Courtney Bowen

SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: 352 *My Lord! What a Morning*

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. John White

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord Be with You
Chancel Choir Interns

Sleeth

*POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune in D Major
Dr. Terry McRoberts

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