WE GATHER WITH HUMBLE HEARTS

GATHERING MUSIC God's Eye is on the Sparrow Arr. Victor Labenske

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE
The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* INTROIT (Hymn 403, v. 1)

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there. Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer. O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

* OPENING RESPONSES (from Psalm 46)

Marie Andrews

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved and the waters rage.

The Lord of Hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Be still and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations.

Be still and know.

Be still.

* HYMN 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brothers and sisters. God is with us!

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

God over all the nations: we come as we are—some are sad, some are happy, most of us are anxious, and many of us are angry and hurting. Whatever our politics and convictions, help us to desire your will more than our own, and to remember that we belong to you, through our Lord Jesus Christ. With your help and saving grace, we will do what you require: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly before you, seeking the peace and well-being of this nation and the world you love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE

In God alone my soul can find peace and rest, in God my peace and joy. Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S RESTORING WORD

FIRST LESSON Psalm 69:1-3, 13-15, 34-36 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.530)

ANTHEM *Grant to Us, Lord*S. Drummond Wolff
Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee. The Spirit to think and do always such things as are
rightful. That we who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled
to live according to Thy will. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SECOND LESSON Jude 1:17-25 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.244)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 487, vv. 4, 5)

Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community. Empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.

Help us, O God, each child embrace. God give them blessings, grant them grace. Surprise them, Lord, with wonders still, and gently guide them to your will.

* GOSPEL LESSON Luke 18:1-8 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.81)

SERMON "When the Bottom Drops" Dr. Butler "Unto him be glory who can keep you from falling and help you to stand without blemish..."

* **HYMN 822** "When We Are Living" SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore Kenneth L. Cober Quartet

Renew Thy church, her ministries restore. Both to serve and adore. Make her again as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand. 'Mid somber shadows of the night, where greed and hatred spread their blight, O send us forth with power endued. Help us, Lord, be renewed! Teach us Thy Word, reveal its truth divine. On our path let it shine. Tell of Thy works, Thy mighty acts of grace; from each page show Thy face. As Thou hast loved us, sent Thy Son, and our salvation now is won. O let our hearts with love be stirred. Help us, Lord, know Thy Word! Teach us to pray, for Thou art ever near. Thy still voice let us hear. Our souls are restless till they rest in Thee: this our glad destiny. Before Thy presence keep us still, that we may find for us Thy will and seek Thy guidance every day. Teach us, Lord, how to pray! Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, everyone, of the world. Break down old walls of prejudice and hate; leave us not to our fate. As Thou hast loved and given Thy life to end hostility and strife. O share Thy grace from heaven above: teach us, Lord, how to love!

- * DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)
- * PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
- * HYMN 321 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- * **DEPARTING MUSIC** Finale (Sonata VI, op. 65) Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

25th Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2024 10 a.m.