

Order of Worship

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 19, 2023 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever; our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

Chorus:

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God,
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

SONG

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise triumphantly.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

arr. Joshua Chai

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THE SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

"Resurrecting"

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now.
The Savior knelt to wash our feet; now at His feet we bow.

The one who wore our sin and shame now robed in majesty.
The radiance of perfect love now shines for all to see.

Chorus:

**Your name, Your name is victory.
All praise will rise to Christ our King.**

Your name, Your name is victory.
All praise will rise to Christ our King.

The fear that held us now gives way to Him who is our peace.
His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me. *Chorus*

By Your Spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat.
The resurrected King is resurrecting me.
In Your name I come alive to declare Your victory.
The resurrected King is resurrecting me. *Repeat*

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain was borrowed for three days.
His body there would not remain.
Our God has robbed the grave. Our God has robbed the grave. *Chorus*

By Your Spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat.
The resurrected King is resurrecting me.
In Your name I come alive to declare Your victory.

The resurrected King is resurrecting me. The resurrected King is resurrecting me.
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THE SERMON

REV. DR. MIKE MIDDENDORF

“Jesus’ Return: What and When?”

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

APOSTLES CREED

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING

ABIDING PRAISE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we’re made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now. We are Your church;
We need Your pow’r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives, for You’re our joy and prize.
To see the captives’ hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven’s cause. We are Your church;
We pray, revive this earth.

Chorus:

**Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!**

Unleash Your kingdom’s pow’r, reaching the near the far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church;
We are the hope on earth. *Chorus*

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POSTLUDE

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Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by **Jeanne Grovom** in celebration of family birthdays.

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams

Alexander Hernandez

Brad Morton

Terri Green

Jeanne Kelly

Don Vick

Karen Whelply