



November 14, 2021

9:45 am

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

[Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 302 054 4990 Passcode: 381038

Prelude • Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *Mindi Welton-Mitchell, adapted*
When we pass through the waters, **God is there with us.**
When we suffer and feel hopeless, **God is there with us.**
When we are joyful and celebrating, **God is there with us.**
Whether we feel triumphant or defeated, **God is with us, always.**
Come, let us worship together Emmanuel - **God with us.**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn "O God Beyond all Praising" *Perry/Holst*
**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**
**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

Greeting One Another in Christ's Name

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:1-3a, 15-21 OT, p. 672

Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" *traditional*
**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you the deepest distress.**

**"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"**

Stewardship Moment Joe Parrish

Choir Anthem "Amazing Grace"

Sermon "Sustained through Challenge; Challenged for Possibility" Rev. Dave Russell

Morning Prayer

Closing Hymn "How Can I Keep from Singing?" *Lowry*

- 1. My life flows on in endless song; Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn That hails a new creation
(refrain)
No storm can shake my inmost calm While to that Rock I'm clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth How can I keep from singing?**
- 2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul How can I keep from singing? (refrain)**
- 3. What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth
(refrain)**
- 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart A fountain ever springing
All things are mine since I am his How can I keep from singing? (ref.)**

Benediction

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Pastor	Rev. Dr. David W. Russell
Director of Music	Mindy Phomvisay
Music Intern	Emma Phomvisay
Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Stegemöller
Today's Worship Leader	Jere Maddux

Today: Church School 11:00 a.m.
Nominating Committee 3:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday: Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Virtual Coffee Shop 10:00 a.m.

Friday: Virtual Trivia Night 6:30 p.m.

Church School Classes

Bible Study Class: Meets in Library, "Women of the New Testament".

Theology Class: Meets 11:15 on Zoom, video/discussion series.

College Students/Young Adults: meets for monthly meals, next date TBA.

Youth K-12: Hybrid format; downstairs classroom or on Zoom.



Today is Stewardship Sunday. We invite you to drop pledge cards in the offering plate or return to the church office. If you did not receive a stewardship mailing, info and a pledge card are available on our website at fbcames.org. Additional pledge cards are available in the narthex.

Thank you for your continuing support of our church! If you are unable to give in person, you may mail checks to the church at 200 Lynn Ave. 50014 (attn.: Financial Sec.) or give via our website at fbcames.org.



Poinsettias: If you would like to provide a poinsettia for the sanctuary for advent, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office. Poinsettias are \$20 each. You may note if your poinsettia is in honor or memory of a loved one.

Hanging of the Greens: following worship on November 28. A simple lunch will follow. See Barbara Woods if you can help decorate the sanctuary. This will be available on Zoom for those who would like to see the sanctuary as it is decorated.

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