

# Sunday, August 24, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**TODAY'S FOCUS: GOD'S GRACE.** This is the reason we worship: To “show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.”

**PRELUDE** — Betsy Foushee

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

**\*OPENING HYMN** UMH #220 “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

**REFRAIN:** Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: **REFRAIN**

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: **REFRAIN**

4. Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: **REFRAIN**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** — Suzanne Gallagher

One: Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

**Many: We are not expecting to be terrified or dismayed, but to be welcomed and embraced.**

One: We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

**Many: We want to be part of the kingdom of God, learning to live out our faith, on earth as in heaven.**

One: We gather today to declare our faith in God’s unshakeable kingdom.

**Many: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God’s steadfast love at work among us.**

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

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2. Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;  
Whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. REFRAIN

3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. REFRAIN

**OFFERTORY** — Betsy Foushee

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      UMH #94

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Suzanne Gallagher

**ALL: Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER** — Lin

**All: 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, forever. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      TFWS #2087    "We Will Glorify the King of Kings"

1 We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

2. Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne;  
We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

3. He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;  
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.

4. Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

**\*BENEDICTION** — Lin

**POSTLUDE** — Betsy Foushee

Prelude/Postlude—Betsy Foushee

Offertory— Betsy Foushee

Organ — Ginny?

Special Music — Betsy and the Gang, “Glory Bound”

Liturgist — Suzanne Gallagher

Accomp.—Betsy Foushee

Song Leader— Scott Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Children’s Message— Sharon Goldade