

Sunday, November 16, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

TODAY'S FOCUS: We continue our Stewardship Campaign by focusing on a text where Jesus talks of hard times to come. This is when we truly need good stewardship, or responsible management of time, talents and gifts. Are we using our resources to endure hardships?

PRELUDE — Brendan Krueger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

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

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #147 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

REFRAIN: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.

All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. **REFRAIN**

2 The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. **REFRAIN**

3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. **REFRAIN**

4. God gave us eyes to see them, the lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. **REFRAIN**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Diana Murray

One: We gather in this beautiful space,

Many: to worship an amazing God.

One: We are surrounded by stained glass and banners made by hands like ours,

Many: made to give praise to the source of all our gifts.

One: We make music here, sing and pray here,

Many: as we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

One: We are blessed to have this space to call our church home.

Many: We are more blessed to be disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

One: Let us worship in this sacred place, giving praise to God.

All: Let everything with breath praise the Lord!

Adapted from “Call To Worship” by Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries, April 2022. Used by permission.

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

SPECIAL MUSIC —

HYMN

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Sharon Goldade

SCRIPTURE: Luke 21:5-19 — Diana Murray

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

MESSAGE

“Leaving A Legacy”

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

TFWS #2212 “My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)”

1. My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the clear, 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 Love 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? **REFRAIN**

OFFERTORY — Brendan Krueger

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Diana Murray

All: Gracious and loving God, you call us to this journey, but it is so easy for us to become distracted and wander off the path you have put before us. The shaos of the world around us catches our attention, and we neglect the inner journey that keeps us closer to you. As we set aside this time to bring our gifts to you, may you draw our attention back to the wisdom and guidance that you put before us, and may it lead us to endurance that will carry us into your kingdom presence. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

“Offering Prayer” by Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries, April 2022. Used by permission.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER — Lin [are there any joys or concerns today?]

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 #2153 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

1. I’m gonna **live** so (**live** so) God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime (anytime)!

I’m gonna **live** so (**live** so) God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime (anytime)!

(work, pray, sing)

***BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Rhonda Ritter

Prelude/Postlude—Brendan/Rhonda

Offertory— Brendan Krueger

Organ — Betsy Foushee

Special Music —Closer Walk Praise Band

Liturgist — Diana Murray

Accomp.—Rhonda Ritter

Song Leader— Scott Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell

“River of Jordan”

Children’s Message— Sharon Goldade