

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 14, 2021

All are invited to sing during the congregational songs in worship!
We ask that you please **wear a mask at all times while indoors** out of an abundance of caution and out of respect for the health and safety of all people joining us for worship.

Prelude"We Gather Together"

Pam Weis

arr. Pepper Choplin

Welcome and Invocation Anna Beth Cross

† Opening Song

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE; Words by Katherine K. Davis, Welsh Folk Melody

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Children's Message April Alston

Stewardship Moment Julie Green

While we sing, all are invited to participate in the offering. There are plates in the back to receive your gifts.

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

† Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication Elizabeth Worley

Scripture Reading Leviticus 24:1-9 Kathy Deming

Sermon "Keeping the Lights On" Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Musical Reflection "Thanksgiving Canticle" arr. Mark Hayes

GBC Adult Choir

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Now thank we all our God! O give thanks to God!

Pastoral Prayer April Alston

Invitation Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Hymn of Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

African American Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Celebrating Community

Christian McIvor

Benediction Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

"Excerpts from 'Give Thanks' and 'Now Thank We All Our God'" arr. Joel Raney
Pam Weis

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With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones, where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people.

Based on I Peter 2:5, 6

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