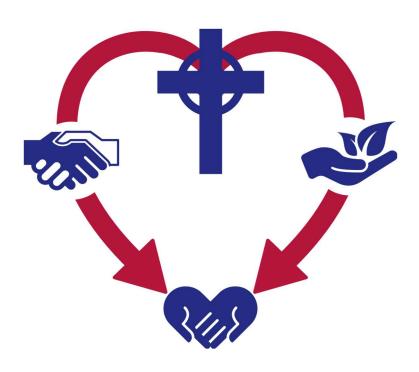
We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ:

by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 10, 2024

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



We Gather to Worship God

*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Jonah 2, MESSAGE)

Leader: In trouble, deep trouble, I prayed to GOD. God answered me.

People: From the belly of the grave, I cried 'Help!' you heard my cry.

Leader: You threw me into ocean's depths, into a watery grave, with ocean waves, ocean breakers crashing over me.

People: I said, 'I've been thrown away, thrown out, out of your sight. I'll never again lay eyes on your Holy Temple.

Leader: Yet you pulled me up from the grave alive, O GOD, my God! When my life was slipping away, I remembered GOD.

People: I'm worshiping you, GOD, calling out thanksgiving! And I'll do what I promised I'd do! Salvation belongs to God!'

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #620

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession" Words/Music by Kenneth Jones (front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you. Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Grace, you send us out into the world to proclaim your gospel, but we want to choose who gets to hear it. You show us where to go, and we run the other way. You call us to live a life of love, but it is hard, and we don't want to. We have received your free grace, but we want others to earn it. We are more concerned with our petty problems than other people's lives. Help us to listen to your call and to follow it, to receive your grace and share it. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon (Jonah 4:2, Exodus 20:4-6)

Leader: The LORD our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. You have received grace, freely give it. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Transition Hymn #658

"God Is So Good"

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources (see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Time for Young Disciples

(Children are dismissed at this time for Childrens' Church)

Special Music "Create in Me" Chancel Choir

Michael Larkin

Scripture Reading Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; 4:1-11

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word Rev. AJ Ochart

"Reluctant Apostle"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Our Faith (Scots Confession - Unison)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and

believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by [God's] inscrutable providence for such end as [God's] eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of [God's] own glory.

*Responsive Hymn #475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Time of Meditation, Reflection

Acts 1:6-8

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayers for the People

Kenneth Jones

Respond: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #296

"Go in Grace and Make Disciples"

Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #745

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

*Postlude

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor Kenneth Jones, Director of Music Millie Shiflett, Accompanist Kellen Jones, Lay Leader

