WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Präludium*, Op. 37, 2

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 393, v. 1)

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light.

O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright.

On you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune.

Sing "Holy, holy, holy!" to God the great Triune.

* OPENING SENTENCES (James 1:7 and Luke 11:9)

Kathy Sands

Let us worship the Triune God in spirit and in truth.

Amen.

Every generous act of giving, and every perfect gift comes from above.

They come down from the father of lights.

Jesus said: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find.

Knock and the door will be opened.

* HYMN 652 "A Grateful Heart" ROCKINGHAM

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

Holy God, you shower us with good and perfect gifts, providing what we truly need. Forgive us when we fail to acknowledge their source, coming down from your gracious and generous hands. When we fail to be good stewards of your gifts, forgive us, and set us free to love and serve you, O Lord, and your good purposes. Help us to give as we have received—with open hands and thankful hearts. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG REPONSE (Hymn 475, v. 3)

O, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be. Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

FIRST LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.183)

ANTHEM They That are Down Need Fear No Fall John Dowland

Quartet

They that are down need fear no fall. They that are low have no pride. They that are humble ever shall have God to be their guide. I am content with what I have. Little be it or much. And, Lord, contentment still I crave, because thou savest such. Fullness to such a burden is, that go on pilgrimage. Here little and hereafter bliss is best from age to age.

* GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:16-24 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.64)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 547, v. 1)

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

SERMON "Do You Have a 'Lay Away' Plan?" Dr. Butler

"I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones so that I can store more..."

HYMN 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

* DOXOLOGY

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* **HYMN 714** "God of the Fertile Fields" ITALIAN HYMN

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** Fanfare Michael Helman

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23RD Sunday After Pentecost November 16, 2025 10 a.m.