

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude

Nocturne, Op. 9 No. 2

Frédéric Chopin

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Sentences

*Doxology - all to sing

No. 592

*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.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is just and kind, near to all who call.

People: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

Leader: The Lord has made known his victory; do not to be quickly shaken or alarmed.

People: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

Leader: Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught.

People: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

Leader: And may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and, through grace, gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

People: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

["Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"](#)

*Call to Confession

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God moves towards us with open arms, welcoming our confession, and offering a fresh start. Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

You call us to faithful living, giving ourselves to you and to one another

after the example of Jesus. Yet sin prevents us from following your directions. We pursue our own goals, worship our own gods, and place our hope in things that cannot last. Wash us anew. Forgive us again. Give us ears to hear your call and faith to follow where Christ leads.

A Time of Silent Prayer

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Stand firm in the gospel. Stand firm in the goodness and mercy of our God. Stand firm and be refreshed by God's refreshing love. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Response of Praise-all to sing

"Gloria Patri"

No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

*We Share God's Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Anthem

We Hear God's Rhythm

Robert J. Powell

*We hear God's rhythm in the roar of the ocean;
We see God's rhythm in the dawn of the sun.
We feel God's Rhythm in the change of the season:
The rhythm of nature, all this He's done.*

Roar of ocean! Dawn of Sun! Change of season! All this He's done.

*The strength of God shows in the roar of the ocean;
The love of God shines in the dawn of the sun;
the mind of God works in the change of the seasons;
The rhythm of nature and God are one.*

Roar of ocean! Dawn of Sun! Change of season! All this He's done.

*All praise to God for all Creation;
His greatness shines in all He has done;
Give thanks to God for sharing His goodness:
The rhythm of nature, God has begun.*

Roar of ocean! Dawn of Sun! Change of season! All this He's done.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

[Psalm 98:1-9](#) (NRSV)

Hymn (seated)

“Jesus Loves Me”

No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children’s Message

(Children grades K-8 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

[Luke 20:27-38](#) (NRSV)

Sermon

“*In the Resurrection*”

love and faithfulness

The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord’s Prayer (‘debts’ and debtors’)

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn

“[Christ Is Alive!](#)”

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

With Malice Toward None

John Williams

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for November 16, 2025

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19