



**November 10, 2024**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Welcome**

**Veteran's Recognition**

Roxanne Tipton & Judy Fry

**Prelude**

*Faith Everlasting*

Warriner

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

**Call to Worship**

Liturgist

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.

**Build us into a spiritual house, O God,  
and we will be a holy people.**

Unless the Lord guards the city,  
the guards keep watch in vain.

**Guard our hearts and minds,  
that we may walk in your ways.**

Unless the Lord is the center of our worship,  
our words and praise are in vain.

**Here and now, Holy One,  
may we taste eternity.**

**Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

“Please bow your heads as I offer the opening prayer.”  
God of infinite possibilities, when the world says, “No,”  
you say, “Yes!”  
The world warns against marrying foreigners,  
but you transform honest love  
into a blessing for all people.  
The world lauds the industry of the rich,  
but you cherish the sacrifice of the poor.  
Build us into a household of love  
and guard the walls of our spirit,  
that we may remain strong  
in service to one another. Amen.

**Hymn**

*The Church’s One Foundation*

UMH 545

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**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Liturgist

God is building our lives into a spiritual house of love, hope, and blessing. Let us rejoice in  
God, our builder, as we share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.  
*Please turn to those around you and greet them with the peace of the resurrected Christ.*

**Children’s Message**

Bristol Hetherington

**Ministry of Music**

*Promised Land*

Choir

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Understanding**

*All Praying*

Liturgist

**As we listen for the word of God, may our thoughts linger on what is honorable and  
true, just and pure, pleasing and commendable, excellent and worthy of praise.  
Amen**

**Scripture Reading**

*Hebrews 10:19-25 and Matthew 18:18-20*

**19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of  
Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great  
priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith  
brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with  
pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us**

consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

18 “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be[a] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be[b] loosed in heaven.

19 “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

**Hymn**

*We Are the Church*

UMH 558

**Sermon**

*This Is the Place*

Tom Gatewood

**The Apostle’s Creed**

UMH 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

**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.**

**Morning Prayer**

Tom Gatewood

**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 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.

**Offertory Invitation**

Liturgist

As recipients of God’s steadfast love and grace, let us offer gifts of gratitude in our tithes and offering.

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

*Reassurance*

Welsh

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below:***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

Liturgist

**Free our hearts, gracious God,  
that your great purposes may work through our love.  
Multiply our gifts, Holy One,  
that all people may be built into a spiritual house—  
a house that no one can bring down. Amen.**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**Hymn**

*Let There be Peace on Earth*

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**Benediction and Blessing of Food**

Tom Gatewood

**Choral Benediction**

*Go Make of All Disciples*

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*“Go, make of all disciples.” We hear the call, O Lord,  
That comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.  
Inspire our ways of learning  
Through earnest, fervent prayer,  
And let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.*

**Postlude**

*Heaven Has Joy in Store*

Dunlop

## **THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION**

*The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.*

*2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.*

*3. Though with a scornful wonder  
we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.*

*4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.*

*5. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion*

*with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.*

## **WE ARE THE CHURCH**

**[Refrain:]**

***I am the church! You are the church!***

***We are the church together!***

***All who follow Jesus, all around the world!***

***Yes, we're the church together!***

*1 The church is not a building,  
the church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place,  
the church is a people.*

**(Refrain)**

*2 We're many kinds of people,  
with many kinds of faces,  
all colors and all ages, too,  
from all times and places.*

**(Refrain)**

*3 Sometimes the church is marching,  
sometimes it's bravely burning,  
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding,  
always it's learning.*

**(Refrain)**

*4 And when the people gather,  
there's singing and there's praying,  
there's laughing and there's crying  
sometimes, all of it saying:*

**(Refrain)**

*5 At Pentecost some people  
received the Holy Spirit  
and told the Good News through the world  
to all who would hear it.*

**(Refrain)**

**LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH**

*Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth,  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator,  
Children all are we.*

*Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me;  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
Let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.*