

"But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness." 1 Timothy 11

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 28, 2025 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)

PRELUDE "Siciliana" George Frideric Handel

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Consecration Mission for Minute Ed Carter

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

# CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

**OPENING WORDS & PRAYER (Psalm 91)** 

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

They will say of the Lord, "God is my refuge and fortress, the one in whom we trust."

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the refuge of God's wings.

They will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day.

"Those who love me, I will deliver," says the Lord

O Lord, we call to you now. Show us your salvation.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, we pray-- when we take what you give and beg you for more; when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the mournful cry of those around us; when our desire for more plunges us into ruin and destruction. Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment, that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others. Help us to remember we brought nothing into this world, and will take nothing out. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

"On Eagle's Wings"

Mark Hayes

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.
The Snare of the fowler will never capture you, and the famine will bring you no fear:
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, Thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your way;

Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

"Nothing Matters"

Rev. Joel M. Long

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

(excerpt from "A Brief Statement of Faith," Book of Confessions, PCUSA)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

\*Response: Hymn #606 "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;

praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #846

"Fight the Good Fight"

**DUKE STREET** 

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

## **POSTLUDE**

Ushers: Rusty Russ & Lynne Young Welcome Table: Mac Warner

Greeter: Polly Russ Liturgist: Betsy Braddock Acolyte: Penny Nemrow

The flowers are dedicated by Jim & Sarah Braddock to the glory of God and in loving honor of Paul & Debra Freeman and the beautiful music they bring to SPC.

As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone before our worship service begins.

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