

**24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude *Bless This House* *words by Taylor and*
 Dennis Lesher *music by Brahe*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) *Dennis Lesher*

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with laughter and songs of joy.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some from a sense of obligation or habit.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with hearts heavy with grief.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with distraction or exhaustion.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with eagerness and enthusiasm.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with stress, loneliness, or depression.
As God's dearly loved children,
we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope
into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.

 **Invocation** *Dennis Lesher*

All glorious God, we give you thanks:
in your Son, Jesus Christ,
you have given us every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly realms.
You chose us, before the world was made,
to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.
You adopted us as your children in Christ.
You have set us free by his blood;
you have forgiven our sins.
You have made known to us your secret purpose,
to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.
You have given us your Holy Spirit,
the seal and pledge of our inheritance.
All praise and glory be yours, O God,
for the richness of your grace,
for the splendor of your gifts,
for the wonder of your love.



Praise Song

Hosanna Praise is Rising

Verse 1

Praise is rising; eyes are turning to You;

We turn to You.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You;

We long for You.

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to find the day.

In Your presence all our fears are washed away,

Washed away.

Chorus

Hosanna, Hosanna,

You are the God who saves us,

Worthy of all our praises.

Hosanna, Hosanna,

Come have Your way among us,

We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

Hear the sound of hearts turning to You,

We turn to You.

In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new;

You make us new.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Tag – Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Dennis Leshner

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

Dennis Leshner

When we have afflicted others, whether by our own power or by our silent support of systems that oppress, enslave, and crush,
break us, Lord.

When we have perplexed others and purposely confused them for our own gain or driven them to despair,
break us, Lord.

When we have persecuted others, casting them out of our community, leaving them forsaken and alone,

break us, Lord.

When we have struck down others, casting stones on their dreams and hopes until they are destroyed,

break us, Lord.

Then broken, we carry in our bodies the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our bodies;

make us, Lord.

With the power that belongs only to you, make us into your treasure;

make us, Lord.

We are the clay, and you are the potter. We are the work of your hands;

make us, Lord.

Do not be exceedingly angry and do not remember our iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Make us, Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Dennis Leshner

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,
and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

*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.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
—2 Corinthians 9:7, NRSV

Offering

Offertory *My Worth is Not is What I Own* *Getty / Kendrick*

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

🕯️ **Prayer of Dedication** (*Responsively*)

Almighty God, you have given us everything. Not only did you create us, but you provide for our every need. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

When we turned away from you, you reached down to us. You lifted us up and freed us through the gift of your Son. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

You are with us always. You watch over our coming and our going. Your Holy Spirit guides us and leads us every step of our lives. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

For your abundant grace we give you thanks. Gratefully we offer the gifts you first gave us. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

Use our time, our talents, and our tithes for your glory. May it bless others with hope, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

🕯️ **Hymn 259**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Fruit of the Spirit

Val Petrie

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:16-26

¹⁶ I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things—as I warned you before—that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Sermon

"Walk By the Spirit"
Rev. Tim Latham

 Hymn 249

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 Profession of Faith (*Romans 8*)

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

—from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39, NRSV

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 Praise Song *Abide with Me*

Verse 1
Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless abide with me

Verse 2
Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord abide with me

Verse 3
I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

Verse 4
I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory
I triumph still abide with me

Verse 5

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death Lord abide with me*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**