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# WORSHIP

8:15am – Traditional 9:30am – Gather & Grow 10:45am - Contemporary

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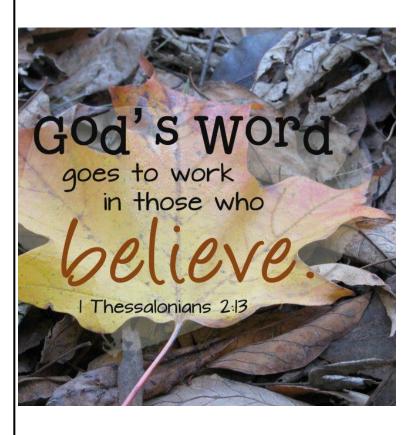
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"Raising Up Families and Followers of Jesus Christ"

# Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025 10:45 AM



#### LOVE AND TRADITIONS

# **AS WE GATHER**

We are not far from the "holiday season." In the secular world, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's roll into one big celebration. It is typical to have holiday traditions around special times of the year. Traditions can serve to make some moments more memorable and meaningful. But sometimes traditions add stress to an already hectic calendar or distract us from the real reason for celebrating. Before jumping headlong into the holiday season, soak up this moment in worship. See how the Lord repeatedly meets us with His best. See how surrounding ourselves with His Word and sacramental gifts truly makes us ready to celebrate, for this season and forever!

### WELCOME

# INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 118:24; 1 John 3:1; John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 16:14

Leader This is the day that the LORD has made;

Congregation let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader See what kind of love the Father has given to us,

Congregation that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Leader Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you

have love for one another."

Congregation Let all that you do be done in love.

# **Open The Eyes Of My Heart**

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Colossians 1:13-14

The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness Leader

Congregation and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we

have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader Almighty God and Father,

Congregation we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We

are prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own

inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as

reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You

lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Leader Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and

> for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

**MISSION MOMENT – Glenn Dunnam, Care Warriors** 

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites.

the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 148**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
 Beasts and all livestock,

creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! <sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.
<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

## **EPISTLE** 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ¹For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁶And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

<sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

# **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 20:27–40

Leader The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second <sup>31</sup>and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no

children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup>for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." <sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Marie Koehler

# Speak O Lord

Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises

# And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us Speak O Lord till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory

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#### SERMON

# **How Great Thou Art (Until That Day)**

Verse 1
O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all
The works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars
I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2
And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 3
When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow
In humble adoration

# And there proclaim My God how great Thou art

# APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader Great I AM, who spoke from the burning bush on Sinai's height, make Your

people to know Your voice. Help us to hear Your clear and consistent Word, that we might love what You love and go where You lead. Lord, in

Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader Great I AM, who heard the cries of Egypt's slaves, shower Your mercy on

the downtrodden, especially victims of oppression and violence. Be their strength and support and bring them comfort and deliverance through the

Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader Great I Am. who mobilized Moses to bear Your name as a witness to Your

ancient people, provide such servants for Your people today. Call pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, teachers, and ministers of Your Word, provide for their training and care, and preserve them in their callings from failure,

fear, and burnout. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader Great I Am, who faced the Sadducees' interrogation about marriage,

strengthen and support all Christian marriages. Supply them Your holy wisdom, defend them from evil attacks, and hold them in Your faithful hand.

that they might trust they never walk alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader Great I AM, who declared Yourself to be the God of the living, battle for our

sakes the enemies of death, disease, and disability that threaten our earthly

life. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader Great I Am, who revealed Your glory to the world through the Gospel,

preserve us in the one true faith, established for every good work and word, that all who believe and belong to You would have the eternal comfort and good hope of grace that comes through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives

and reigns with Father and Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation

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 and ever. Amen

#### BENEDICTION

Leader The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People Amen.

# We Praise You

Verse 1

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety Let it rise let praise arise

Verse 2

We sing Your name in the dark
And it changes ev'rything
We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory
Let it rise let praise arise

Chorus

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall
We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You
The God of breakthrough's on our side
Forever lift (Him) (You) high
With all creation cry God we praise You

Interlude 1
Oh we praise You oh

Verse 3

Let faith be the song
That overcomes the raging sea
Let faith be the song
That calms the storm inside of me
Let it rise let faith arise

Interlude 2

Oh we praise You oh we praise You Oh we praise You oh we praise You

Bridge

This is what living looks like
This is what freedom feels like
This is what Heaven sounds like
We praise You
We praise You
(REPEAT)

**Ending** 

Oh we praise You oh we praise You Oh we praise You oh yeah with all Your praise

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