

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

November 18, 2018

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, we glorify you that you have again fulfilled to us your gracious promise that while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not fail. We bless you for the good fruits of the earth which you have given to our use. Teach us to remember that it is not by bread alone that we live, and grant us evermore to feed on Him who is the true Bread from heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.

People: **Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.**

Leader: Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

People: **And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.** First Chronicles 29:10-13

All: **To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.** First Timothy 1:17

*Hymn: **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** #12

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Our Merciful Father, when we remember your great love, and when we remember the command of Jesus that we should love each other, we are ashamed of the poverty of our own love. We confess that love has not ruled in our hearts, and has not been the guiding principle in our lives. We have not loved you, our God; we have not loved our neighbors; we have allowed our personal wants and desires to blind us to the needs of others. Forgive us, Father, as we admit our failure and our sin, our pride and our selfishness. Forgive us in love that we may walk in the way of our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Have Mercy, God, upon My Life** #421
verses 1 and 4

**Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
Pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.**

**Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Brief Statement of Faith

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ ... Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, he was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

People: **God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*Gloria Patri: **Glory Be to the Father** #581

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 145** Responsive Reading

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

Leader: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

People: **They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

Leader: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

People: **The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

People: **The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

Leader: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

People: **The LORD watches over all who love him.**

Scripture Reading: **First John 4:7-12**

Anthem: **Canticle of Thanksgiving** Dale Wood

Time for Young Disciples

Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.

Hymn: **O God, Show Mercy to Us** #341

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 33:12-23**

Sermon: **We Can't Know It All**

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: **He Hideth My Soul** back panel

Congregational Meeting

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise** #648

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

He Hideth My Soul

FANNY J. CROSBY, 1820-1915 KIRKPATRICK, 17. 8. 11. 8. with Refrain WILLIAM J. KIRKPATRICK, 1833-1921

1. A won - der - ful Sav - iour is Je - sus my Lord, A won - der - ful
 2. A won - der - ful Sav - iour is Je - sus my Lord, He tak - eth my
 3. With num - ber - less bless - ings each mo - ment He crowns, And filled with His
 4. When clothed in His bright - ness, trans - port - ed I rise To meet Him in

Sav - iour to me; He hid - eth my soul in the cleft of the rock, Where
 bur - den a - way; He hold - eth me up, and I shall not be moved, He
 full - ness di - vine, I sing in my rap - ture, oh, glo - ry to God For
 clouds of the sky, His per - fect sal - va - tion, His won - der - ful love I'll

REFRAIN

riv - ers of pleas - ure I see.
 giv - eth me strength as my day.
 such a Re - deem - er as mine! He hid - eth my soul in the cleft of the rock
 shout with the mil - lions on high.

That shad - ows a dry, thirst - y land; He hid - eth my life in the depths of His love,

And cov - ers me there with His hand, And cov - ers me there with His hand.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: James Allums Lois Hejl
 Dee Allums Sue Johnson
 Shepherd: Kristi Hachtel
 Liturgist: Johnny Brown
 Reader: Clarice Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 18

5:00 pm Youth

Monday, November 19

9:00 am Prayer Group
 5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, November 20

December newsletter deadline

Thur.-Fri. November 22-23

Happy Thanksgiving!
 Church office closed

Sunday, November 25

9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Children's Choir
 11:00 am Worship Service

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17 And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

19 And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

21 Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

~ Exodus 33:17-23