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INDEPENDENCE

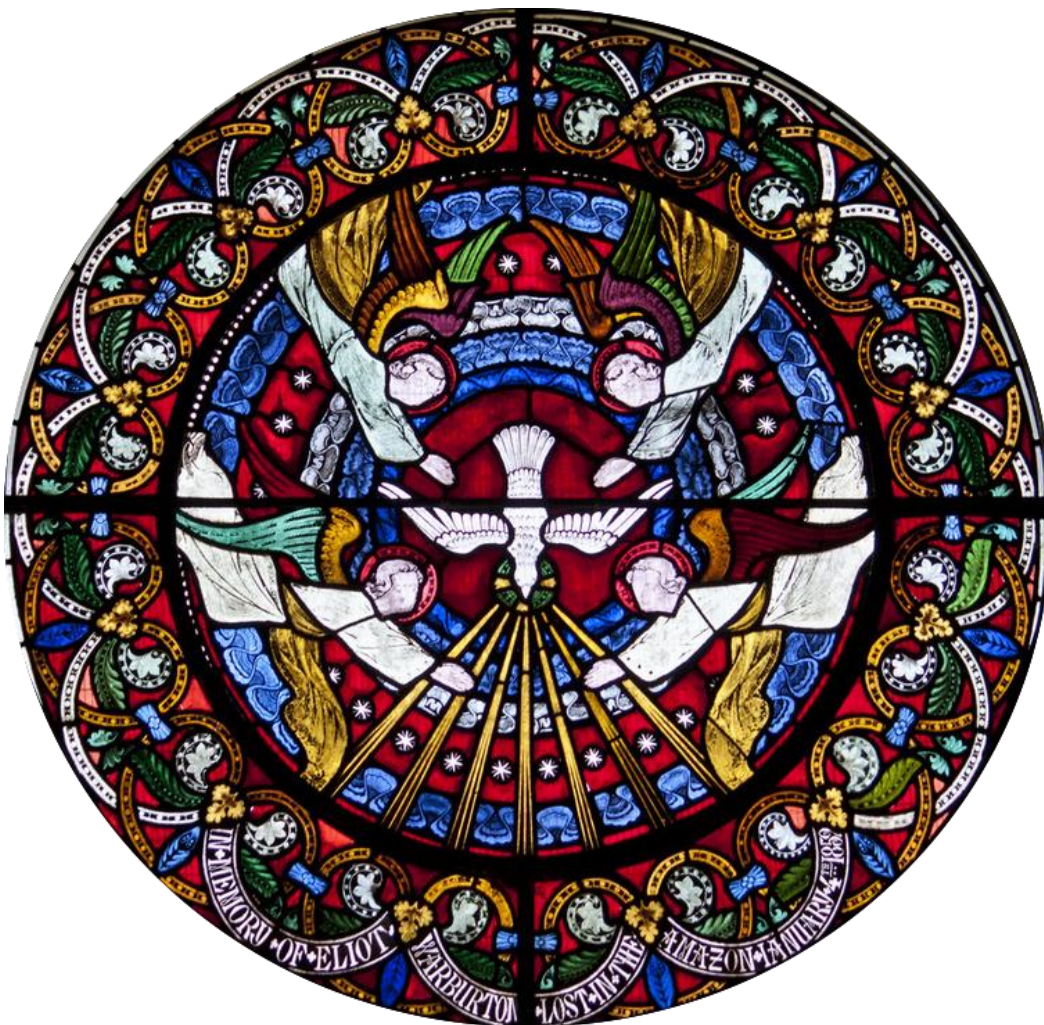
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25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 2021 (Proper 28)



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“Let the wide, unflinching, selfless giving of the God who walked this earth nourish our roots until we fruit the joy of the Lord.” ~ Susan Sayers

~ *GATHERING* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Romans 12:4-5*)

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **so in Christ, we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.**

PRELUDE PARTITA ON GLORY TO GOD ON HIGH J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on "Hannah's Song" in 1 Samuel 2*)

My heart exults in the Holy One; my strength rises up in my God.
There is no one holy like the Lord; for there's no rock like our God.
The Holy One deals death and grants life, brings down and lifts up.
Our God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from ash.
For the pillars of the earth are the Holy One's,
and on their foundation God has set the world.
God will guard the feet of the faithful; not by might does one prevail.
The Lord will give strength and raise high the children of God.
Come, let us worship God.

HYMN WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION GTG #733

By Rusty Edwards (ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen. [Time of Silent Confession]

*RESPONSE LORD, HAVE MERCY GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Matthew 9:2*)

...Take heart, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

HALLE HALLE

Children are invited to come forward during the passing of the peace.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stew Ship

May God be with you there.

May God be with you here.

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

RESPONSE

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET

GTG #458

Text by Amy Grant; Music by Michael W. Smith

THY WORD

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

1 SAMUEL 1

(Select verses) NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

GOD WE HONOR YOU

By James E. Clemens

EPISTLE LESSON

ROMANS 12:3-8

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wigger

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

GTG #727

By Richard Gillard

THE SERVANT SONG

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW arr. Piet Post



Please join us in the gathering room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA);

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