



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Processional and Air on 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'" Laura E. Watson

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

All: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Liturgist: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

All: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

Liturgist: And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:15-20

* **All Singing: 223 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 532 "Be Still for the Presence of the Lord"**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

All: **But now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation —**

Liturgist: if we continue in our faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

All: **This is the gospel that we have heard and would be proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which we are servants.**

Colossians 1:21-23 adapted

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

All: **When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our flesh, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.**

Liturgist: And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:10, 13-15 adapted

* **All Singing:** **682 "Before the Throne of God Above"**

Liturgist: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

All: **And over all these virtues let us put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

Liturgist: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:12-15

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: **908 "Christ, Be Our Light"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 5

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: What Does it Mean to Be Reformed? Purpose

* **All Singing: 278 “The City is Alive, O God”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. By the Hand Club for Kids

OFFERTORY “Just A Closer Walk with Thee” arr. Mark Hayes

* **All Singing: 965 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: “Be of One Mind”**

Finally all of you be of one mind
Humble and loving and tender and kind
Finally all of you be of one mind
Humble and loving and tender and kind

Do not repay **Do not repay**
Evil for evil **Evil for evil**
Do not repay **Do not repay**
Insult for insult. **Insult for insult**

Return instead a blessing for
You were called to blessed
Inherit the promise of Christ

Postlude: “Lord, Reign In Me” arr. Marilyn Ham

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Colette Van Marion
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg	Liturgist:	Anne VanderWeele
Flutist:	Sarah Rinkenberger	Prayer:	Emily E Hillegonds
Vocalist:	Lori Evenhouse		
Guitar:	Jenson Varghese		
Percussion:	Henry Evenhouse		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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