



Date: November 16, 2025
Twenty-third after Pentecost
Theme: Joy of Doing
What is Good

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon
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Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie
(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **November Confirmation and Baptism Class**... Please let Rev. Kwon or Michele know if you are interested in attending
- **Squares ~ The Festival of Lights committee** is asking for squares for the Senior's Tea on Wednesday November 26. Please **pick up the printed announcements** for contact and drop off dates and place.
- **Gift Cards for Teens** ~ If you are interested in purchasing gift cards for the teens and/or Christmas gifts again this year please let Michele know ASAP. More information is on the **printed announcements**.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

After six days of work, God rested.

Therefore, today shall remain holy.

You are invited to take part in the Sabbath.

We come into the sanctuary seeking refuge.

God offers this sacred space for all people.

Here we find a seat at Christ's table prepared for us. Let us join together as the body of Christ.

And let us be refreshed and rejuvenated by the Holy Spirit as we worship together.

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Light the Christ Candle

Too much pain in our world is caused by arrogance.

We can easily think we are the only ones who are right.

Let us be open to the holy in other people, the light of Christ shining in other people.

Let us rejoice that God's peace can be upon us all as we light the candle of Christ.

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***Hymn God of the Sparrow VU#229**

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Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, you are the source of joy.

The Bible stories tell us that you are extravagantly generous with your grace.

You spread a rich feast before us with the best of everything: food and drink and gourmet desserts!

Yet, at times, we wonder whether there will be enough to go around.

At times we are fearful and anxious. We struggle with feeling that the joy of others means less joy for us.

Though we long to be generous, sometimes our fear causes us to hold back from open-hearted sharing.

Help us today, we pray, to gain a vision of the abundance you have in store.

Remind us of the words of the psalm: "My cup overflows."

In the quietness of our worship space,
calm our troubled spirits as we offer to you our personal prayers:

(a time of silence)

Words of Assurance

Receive this proclamation of salvation from the prophet Isaiah: "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return...; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10). Be assured, people of God, that your prayers have been received: You are forgiven, you are accepted, you are free to be all that God intends you to be!

Thanks and praise be to God now and forever!

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***Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* VU#343**

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Prayer of Illumination

ALL: Word of Life, come to us this morning through the holy scriptures, through song and praise, through one another, and through silence. Amen.

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Scripture Readings: Linda Holton

Isaiah 65:17–25: God shall create joy and delight; the wolf and the lamb together.

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13: Do not weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21:5–19: Persecution in the days to come; trust God!

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1) (being seated)

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

***Hymn *I Am a Child of God* MV#157**

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Invitation for Offering

***Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* VU#541**

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Offering Prayer

Loving God, we recognize that your blessings come in so many ways; we seek to be a blessing to others.

Use and multiply these gifts so that the work of our church here and around the world can be a sign of your caring presence. Amen.

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Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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. 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.

***Hymn *You Shall Go Out with Joy* VU p.884**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

Postlude