25th Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2015 ◆ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

***Greeting in the Name of Christ**

Prelude *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart*
Joyful Noise

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather together to worship, knowing that God is already here among us; knowing that there is nothing that separates us from the presence of our Lord.
People: Wherever we are, wherever we go, God is near.
Leader: So let us enter into this service of worship with confidence and hope,
Leader and People: knowing that God is already with us, and that He stands eager to meet us and bless us with His love.

***Hymn #117** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Opening Prayer

Holy One, there is no God like you. In praise and thanksgiving, we come before you ready to learn of your power, ready to follow your path for our lives. Through days of jubilation as well as dejection, help us realize your influence in the world. We ask simply for ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to comprehend the blessings you bestow. Amen.

Anthem *Jesus Led Me All the Way* Schram
Sanctuary Choir

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – 1 Samuel 1:4-20
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Canticle of Response – 1 Samuel 2:1-10
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri #70**

Epistle Reading – Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn #140** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

***Gospel Reading** – Mark 13:1-8
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children Message

Sermon – "The Reliableness of God" Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith #881** – The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Father God, at the end of time as we know it, you will be there. Help us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to have no fear of that day or of that hour, for your Son, Jesus, our Savior, will be there for us.
Response: Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.
Lord God Almighty, even as you listened to Hannah as she poured out her soul to you in despair, hear our prayers, and use us as you used her in your holy work. Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us. Holy Spirit, keep us from making gods out of our needs and desires, and teach us to take refuge in your strength and counsel.
Response: Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.
Lord Jesus Christ, high priest, by your Holy Spirit you remember our sins no more. May we worship with a clean heart full of faith, and seek to do good works for and with one another, for the day of your return approaches.
Response: Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.
Come, Lord Jesus, into the lives of those whose need healing _____.
Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.
Response: The love of God has won. The new life has begun. Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer** (#895)

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. Amen.

Offering and Offertory *Ave Verum Corpus*
Breanna Gromicko, clarinet

***Doxology #95**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God our protector, we trust in you for safety, we depend on you for all we need; all good things come from you—we commit our future into your hands: Guide us by day and teach us by night, be near us so that nothing can shake us, make us always aware of your presence, show us the path that leads to life, let your Spirit fill us with joy, and let your service be our delight for ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn #419** *I Am Thine, O Lord*

***Benediction**

As you go from here, remember: God is always with you. No matter what you face, no matters what trials or hardships come your way, God is right beside you, guiding and directing your path. So do not live in fear, but in joy, celebrating God's presence and singing God's praise.

***Postlude**

**For those who are able, please stand*