



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 2021

You we have broken our connection with You. In the end we cannot deny that You are a God of peace, a God of the cross, and of forgiveness spoken with Jesus' own dying breath. And for this we are grateful, for if it were not so we would have no hope because we too have offended You. So we praise You, God, for peace: for Your compassion and grace that refuse to allow our worst selves, OUR FALSE SELVES, to define our relationship with You; for the quiet, inexorable silencing of violence that grows among us as we seek to follow Your peace-making ways, and share Your life-giving, redeeming Love.

(Silence is kept)

***Assurance of Pardon (responsive)**

Psalm 16:7-11

I will bless the Lord who advises me; even at night I am instructed in the depths of my mind.

I always put the Lord in front of me;

I will not stumble because he is on my right side.

That's why my heart celebrates and my mood is joyous;

yes, my whole body will rest in safety because You won't abandon my life to the grave; You won't let Your faithful follower see the pit.

You teach me the way of life. In Your presence is total celebration.

Beautiful things are always in Your right hand.

Gloria Patri

(Creatorex)

**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.**

Scripture Lesson

From the Hebrew Bible: 1 Samuel 1:9-17, 20

One time, after eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah got up and presented herself before the Lord. (Now Eli the priest was sitting in the

chair by the doorpost of the Lord's temple.) Hannah was very upset and couldn't stop crying as she prayed to the Lord. Then she made this promise: "Lord of heavenly forces, just look at your servant's pain and remember me! Don't forget your servant! Give her a boy! Then I'll give him to the Lord for his entire life. No razor will ever touch his head." As she kept praying before the Lord, Eli watched her mouth. Now Hannah was praying in her heart; her lips were moving, but her voice was silent, so Eli thought she was drunk. "How long will you act like a drunk? Sober up!" Eli told her.

"No sir!" Hannah replied. "I'm just a very sad woman. I haven't had any wine or beer but have been pouring out my heart to the Lord. Don't think your servant is some good-for-nothing woman. This whole time I've been praying out of my great worry and trouble!"

Eli responded, "Then go in peace. And may the God of Israel give you what you've asked from him." ... So in the course of time, Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, which means "I asked the Lord for him."

Anthem

"Celebrate the Joy"

(Joseph M. Martin)

Celebrate the joy of the Lord with glad singing
Magnify the Lord on high
Celebrate the joy of the Lord with glad music.
Lift up your voice to the sky. Lift praises on high.
Let ev'ry alleluia be raised. Give to the Lord the honor and praise.
Shout to the world His glorious name,
for great are the works of the Lord, our God.
Gloria, Gloria, Deo. Alleluia
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Let ev'ry alleluia you sing glorify God and honor the King.
This is the day for praises to ring,
for great are the works of the Lord, our God.

Gathering Together in Prayer

A Bidding Prayer for Consecration Sunday

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 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 and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

I've got money in the bank; cars in the drive way
I've got a house I can claim; clothes in my closet
I've got a bed for my head; shoes for my feet
I've got friends I can call when I need help
I've got family when I fall to pick me up
I've got breath in my body and if I was just anybody
I'd say it's all good but I know better it's all God
But I know better it's all God
(selected lyrics from "It's All God," by Harold Lilly Jr)

Offertory

"Pie Jesu" (Andrew Lloyd Webber)

Pious Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world
Give them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant them rest, eternal rest.

Scripture Lesson

From the Gospels: Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Tom Williams

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

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Worship Notes

Today's "*Call to Worship*" and "*Confession*" are adapted from the work of Rev. John van de Laar, at Saredise (<https://sacredise.com/proper-28b/>)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(Faithfulness)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided-great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided-great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear Presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright Hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided-great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*