

**25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 2021**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Ancient Words with How Firm a Foundation
It Is Well With My Soul

arr. Tornquist
Bliss

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

🕯 Call to Worship

Jim Fox

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Let us worship the Triune God.

🕯 Invocation

Jim Fox

O Lord, our God,
you are always more ready to give your good gifts to us
than we are to seek them,
and you are willing to give more than we desire or deserve.
Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

🕯 Hymn 455

Come, All Christians Be Committed

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Jim Fox

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,
and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot
change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us
grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus
Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Fox

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sins,
we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds you have been healed.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

*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.
A-men, A-men.*

Minute for Mission

The Bidelspach's

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust consume and where thieves break
in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in
heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and
where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your
treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Offering

Offertory

O Wondrous Love by Steve & Vicki Cook
Scott Enright, Pamela Johnson

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

Prayer of Dedication

O Lord our God, the author and giver of all good things, we
thank you for all your mercies, and for your loving care over all
your creatures. We bless you for the gift of life, for your
protection round about us, for your guiding hand upon us,
and for the tokens of your love within us. In all these things, O
heavenly God, make us wise for a right use of your benefits,
that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving unto you

all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 **Hymn**

My Worth is Not in What I Own

*My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross*

*My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross*

*Refrain:
I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

*As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross*

*I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross*

Refrain

*Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid
At the cross*

Refrain

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Who Has Seen the Wind?

Susan Obenschain

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 35:4-29

⁴ Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. ⁵ Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him

bring the LORD's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze; ⁶ blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; goats' hair, ⁷ tanned rams' skins, and goatskins; acacia wood, ⁸ oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, ⁹ and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

¹⁰ “Let every skillful craftsman among you come and make all that the LORD has commanded: ¹¹ the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; ¹² the ark with its poles, the mercy seat, and the veil of the screen; ¹³ the table with its poles and all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; ¹⁴ the lampstand also for the light, with its utensils and its lamps, and the oil for the light; ¹⁵ and the altar of incense, with its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; ¹⁶ the altar of burnt offering, with its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its stand; ¹⁷ the hangings of the court, its pillars and its bases, and the screen for the gate of the court; ¹⁸ the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court, and their cords; ¹⁹ the finely worked garments for ministering in the Holy Place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests.”

²⁰ Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. ²¹ And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. ²² So they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the LORD. ²³ And every one who possessed blue or purple or scarlet yarns or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or goatskins brought them. ²⁴ Everyone who could make a contribution of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD's contribution. And every one who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work brought it. ²⁵ And every skillful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. ²⁶ All the women whose hearts stirred them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. ²⁷ And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece, ²⁸ and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. ²⁹ All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the LORD.

Sermon

“God Provides an Opportunity to Participate”

Rev. Tim Latham

Responding

We respond to God's Word

Hymn

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

*Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.*

*Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;*

*Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.*

*Man may trouble and distress me,
Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, were not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.*

*Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.*

*Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.*

*Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heavens eternal days before thee,
Gods own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.*

Profession of Faith

**I am righteous before God
only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all
God's commandments,
of never having kept any of them,
and of still being inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without any merit of my own,
out of sheer grace,**

God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do
is accept this gift with a believing heart.
When I say that through faith alone I am righteous,
it is not because I please God
by the worthiness of my faith.
It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness
make me righteous before God,
and because I can accept this righteousness
and make it mine
in no other way than through faith.
—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 60-61

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 **Hymn 379**

Take My Life and Let it Be

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

To God Be the Glory

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*Refreshments & fellowship time in the foyer with The Bidelspach's.
Please join us*