

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost- Reign of Christ – Thanksgiving

November 20, 2022

10:00 AM

WELCOME

Pastor Small

ORGAN PRELUDE

We Gather Together

Emma Lou Diemer
(b. 1927)

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is God's house and our church home. We gather here to pursue faith and friendship. We bring our varied gifts with thanksgiving. Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR INTROIT

We Gather Together

*INVOCATION

We gather to worship you, Eternal God. We are heirs of traditions that have shaped our faith. We are pilgrims seeking to know you in new ways. Be among us as we lift our hearts and voices to worship you alone. Hear our prayer. Amen.

*HYMN 276 (blue)

We Gather Together

1. We gather together to ask for God's blessing, to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own; the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us. O God, be present with us, and make your will known.
2. Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you ordaining, maintaining the power of life. Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story. Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.
3. May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant, defend us, befriend us, whatever may be. May your congregation escape tribulation. Your name be praised forever, O God, make us free!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 100

ALL AGES TOGETHER

CHORAL ANTHEM Sing to the Lord of Harvest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (adapted from the Book of Common Prayer)
After each petition, the Congregation's response is, "We give thanks."

P: Let us give thanks to God. For the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea, the gift of the world that you have made for humanity.

C: **We give thanks.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Interlude *Fughetta on Duke Street* Richard Wienhorst
(1920-2010)

*Doxology

*Dedication of Offering

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

The Reign of Christ Pastor Small

*HYMN 95 (blue) Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (vss. 1, 4, & 5)

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his love shall spread from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise with song; honor and praise to Christ belong; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

*COMMISSION

One: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world,
let us remember the three great loves to which our faith calls us:

All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; love your neighbor as yourself; and love and care for the earth and all that dwells therein.

