

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

November 13, 2022

10:00AM

WELCOME

Pastor Small

ORGAN PRELUDE     Cradled in God's Loving Arms  
Barbara Shaltis, clarinet

David L. Almond  
(b. 1943)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

**This is the day that God has made, so let us be glad and rejoice in it! May God's grace, wisdom, and peace be present among us as we gather to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.**

**Holy One, Loving God, we gather as your own, to honor you with open hearts. Whoever we are and wherever we are on life's journey, may we know that we are welcome here. Accept our worship, for we offer it in the Spirit of Jesus, the Living Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN 722 (blue)     This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3. This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:  
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.  
In peace may all earth's people draw together,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON     Isaiah 65:17-25

ALL AGES TOGETHER

Amy Gangel

OFFERING OF MUSIC     Broken Ground  
Amy Gangel, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer of our Savior

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Interlude     This Is My Song     Anna Krentz Organ  
(b. 1960)

\*Doxology

\*Dedication of Offering

SCRIPTURE LESSON     Luke 21:5-19

SERMON

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Restoration

\*HYMN 725 (blue)     God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before they throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath lead us in the past;  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh thy people on our toilsome way;  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

\*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.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE            Creator of the Stars of Night            J. S. Bach  
At your great name, O Jesus, no, / all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:            (1685-1750)  
all things on earth with one accord, / like those in heaven shall call you Lord.  
- Latin Hymn, 9<sup>th</sup> Century; tr. As in *The Hymnal* 1940, alt.  
*Chalice Hymnal*, No. 127, stanza 4

\* *You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

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her husband, Jack Prewitt.

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| <i>Ministers</i>                               | The Congregation               |
| <i>Deacons for October</i>                     | Marie Martel and Derk Mitchell |
| <i>Organist</i>                                | David L. Almond                |
| <i>Choir Director</i>                          | Sarah Ames                     |
| <i>Coord. of Children and Youth Ministries</i> | Trish Walton                   |
| <i>Bell Choir Director</i>                     | Mindy Wolfe                    |
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