

## Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2020

9:00 AM

### CONNECTING WITH CHRIST

Prelude

Special Music

*Autumn Carol*

Welcome, Celebration and Concerns

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving Medley: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come & We Gather*

*Together*

*Lyrics on Screen*

### CLEANSING OUR HEARTS

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*We offer You thanks and praise, most holy and righteous God. You have done great things for us. Forgive us for being so distracted that we fail to give You the thanks that You deserve. Forgive us for being so self-absorbed that we think that we are the source of our success. Forgive us for being so blind that we believe our blessings are a product of our good fortune, rather than Your providential care. Remind us that every prayer should be offered in thanksgiving. Teach us that nothing escapes Your notice: Your ears are never too small to hear us, Your eyes are never too dim to miss us, and Your arms are never too short to save us. Give us hearts of praise for all You have done and open our eyes to the great power of Your majesty. Confirm to our hearts Your forgiving power, that we may love You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbors as ourselves, because we are a thankful people for all of Your grace to us. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Choral Response

*Hymn 793*

*"For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise."*

## RESPONDING TO GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Look at the World*

†Doxology

*Hymn 815*

†Fourth Stanza of America

*Pew Hymnal, page 807*

*Our Father's God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.*

†Affirmation of Faith

*Last paragraph, President George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation, October 3, 1789*

*May we then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions----to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

†Hymn

### RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

*Page 1803*

Message

*The Power of Gratitude: Believe Generously*

*Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lovelady*

### CONNECTING WITH LIFE

†Hymn 786

*Count Your Blessings*

†Benediction

†Postlude

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*†Worshippers are asked to stand, if able*