

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 19, 2023

9:00 AM

CONNECTING WITH CHRIST

Prelude

Welcome, Celebration and Concerns

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

†Hymn 797 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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 when we fail to give You the thanks You deserve. Forgive us for our self-focused vision that we are the source of our success. Forgive us for our blindness of heart that we see our blessings as our good fortune, rather than Your providential care. Remind us that we should give thanks in every circumstance because we are Your children. Teach us that nothing escapes Your notice: Your ears are never too small to hear us, Your eyes never so dim to overlook 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 presence. 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. Let our hearts overflow with gratitude and praise for Your gift of grace. We pray in the name of Your Son and our Savior who gave His life for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Choral

Hymn 786

“Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings see what God has done; count your blessings name them one by one. Count your many blessings see what God has done.”

RESPONDING TO GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

†Doxology

Hymn 815

†Fourth Stanza of America

Pew Hymnal, page 807

Our Fathers' 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

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.

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

Pastoral Prayer

†Hymn 790

We Gather Together

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

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Message

***Moving the Chains toward Gratitude:
Sack Materialism***

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lovelady

CONNECTING WITH LIFE

†Hymn 682

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

†Benediction

†Postlude

†Worshippers are asked to stand, if able