



The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.
*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.
Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE
Handbell Choir, “A Festive Toll”
by Chris D. Burton

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 98
Sing a new song to the Lord,
for God has done great things.
**Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
break out in praise and sing for joy!**
Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and beautiful melody.
**Let the sea and everything in it shout God’s praise!
Let the earth and all living things join in!**
Sing a new song to the Lord,
for God has done great things.

*SONG OF WORSHIP
#35 “Morning Has Broken”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God,
**From the beginning of time
you have shown up in many different ways.**
**You appeared in a burning bush, pillars of cloud and fire,
dark clouds, and quiet whispers.**
In Jesus Christ you showed up with skin and bone.
No longer invisible, no longer an idea, but a person.
**A person who embodied radical welcome, unconditional love,
and limitless mercy to everyone around him.**

We confess
that we can be stuck in our heads.
**We love to play with ideas, fine tune our doctrine,
and be confident in what we think.**
Often, we fail to move those ideas into our bodies.

By your Spirit,
move our faith into our bodies.
**Help us embody radical welcome, unconditional love,
and limitless mercy.**
**And in so doing, may we be ready to receive welcome,
love, and mercy from Christ.**
In whose name we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
“For You Shall Go Out With Joy”
by Dale Grotenhuis

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
Congregation, bless your children.
You are God’s beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION
“Ancient Words”
**Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart**

**Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home**

CHORUS: **Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart**

**Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ.** *CHORUS*

REPEAT CHORUS

SCRIPTURE & SERMON
Luke 24:13-35

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

SONG OF THANKSGIVING
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, whose image we all bear;
Praise Christ, whose mercy we all share;
Praise Spirit, making justice grow—
One God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.**

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary
are brought forward as a sign of our response to God’s call on our lives.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE
#551 “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG
“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”
*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle,
blessing one another in song.*
**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.**
**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

*POSTLUDE
“Now Thank We All Our God”
by Milton Detjen

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THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A **SECOND**
Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF November 16, 2025

TODAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service
- 2:30 pm High School Youth Group
- 4:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

TUESDAY

- 8:00 am Men's Group
- 2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation
- 7:00 pm Christian Nationalism Class

WEDNESDAY

- 5:45 pm Advent Program Practice
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service
- 2:30 pm High School Youth Group
- 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Greeters: Ed Willis, Nancy & Dale VanderBroek, Sara Hefflefinger
Next Week: Mark & Ben Thompson

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025 - 9:45 am