



November 17, 2024  
 The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
 The Reverend Jenny Anderson

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

*\*All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

*After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael

\* HYMN

60 I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Old 113th

**I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
 and when my voice is lost in death,  
 praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past,  
 while life, and thought, and being last,  
 or immortality endures.**

**Happy are they whose hopes rely  
 on Israel's God, who made the sky  
 and earth and seas, with all their train;  
 whose truth forever stands secure,  
 who saves th'oppressed and feeds the poor,  
 for none shall find God's promise vain.**

**The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;  
 the Lord supports the fainting mind  
 and sends the laboring conscience peace.  
 God helps the stranger in distress,  
 the widow and the fatherless,  
 and grants the prisoner sweet release.**

**I'll praise my God who lends me breath;  
 and when my voice is lost in death,**

praise shall employ no nobler powers.  
**My days of praise shall ne'er be past,  
 while life, and thought, and being last,  
 or immortality endures.**

\* GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

\* OPENING PRAYER

God our redeemer,  
 in sustaining the lives of Naomi and Ruth,  
 you gave new life to your people.

We ask that from age to age,  
 new generations may be born  
 to restore life and nourish the weak,  
 by returning to you  
 those things we once thought ours. **Amen.**

\* THE PEACE

\* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory be to the Father

Meineke

**Glory be to the Father  
 and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end.  
 Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord,  
 and fill us full of light;  
 open wide the door of our hearts,  
 that we may receive and entertain thee  
 with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 2:1-10

*Old Testament* p. 304

\* HYMN

140 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,**

there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
 thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
 as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 all I have needed thy hands hath provided;  
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;  
 join with all nature in manifold witness  
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Refrain*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

*New Testament* p. 60

SERMON

What are the Signs?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*UMH* p. 885

**We believe in God the Father,**  
 infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
 whose mercy is over all his works,  
 and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.  
**We believe in Jesus Christ,**  
 Son of God and Son of man,  
 the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
 the ground of our hope,  
 and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit**  
 as the divine presence in our lives,  
 whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
 of the truth of Christ,  
 and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
 in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
 to the end  
 that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

## CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 And forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory forever. Amen.

### THE OFFERING

#### MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Alice Parker

#### \* DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise him, all creatures here below;**  
**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old 100th

## SENDING FORTH

#### \* HYMN

719 My Lord, What a Morning

Burleigh

*Refrain:*  
*My Lord, what a morning;*  
*my Lord what a morning;*  
*oh, my Lord, what a morning,*  
*when the stars begin to fall.*

You'll hear the trumpet sound,  
 to wake the nations underground,  
 looking to my God's right hand,  
 when the stars begin to fall.

*Refrain*

You'll hear the sinner moan,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall.

*Refrain*

You'll hear the Christian shout  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall.

*Refrain*

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Foundation*

Wilbur Held

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## Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Lee Herndon
Lay Reader	Carol Capers
Greeter	Becky Rogers
Usher	Michael Young
Acolyte	Harrison Young
Crucifer	Jason Tucker
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Choir	The St. John Choir
Offering Counter	Rich Bias
Worship Technician	Donald Tilton

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*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Angela Powell  
in honor of Rodney's birthday.*

*The rosebud in the sanctuary is placed in honor of the birth of  
Kayden Grace Stampley, Daughter of Kameron and Cassidy Stampley,  
Granddaughter of Rodney and Shannon, Great-Granddaughter of Roy and  
Vivian, born November 1, 2024.*

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<b>Weekly Stewardship</b>	
2024 Budget	\$556,899
Weekly Giving	\$17,626
YTD Giving	\$363,668
YTD Other Income	\$84,243
YTD Expenses	\$487,685
Attendance 11/10	Sanctuary: 100 Online: 35

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