



Service of Worship for the Lord's Day October 25, 2026 Proper 25

Prayers written by Don Quinley.

PRELUDE "Voluntary on 'Ein Feste Burg'" Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

People: We will love and worship the Lord our God with our whole being. And how shall we regard our neighbor?

Pastor: Love your neighbor as yourself.

People: But our neighbors are unlovable. Lord, grant us the grace we find in our sure redeemer, so that we may reflect the love we see radiating from you.

HYMN #624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: God of mercy, compassion, and of love, we come before you in this time, for you, alone, are worthy of worship. You, alone, have created and redeemed us. You, alone, graciously give us your peace, your guidance, and sustain us. Please hear our worship and our confession of sins, so that we repent and know of your forgiveness.

People: Lord God, who are we, that we can stand before you? Apart from the righteousness of our King Jesus, our sure redeemer, we have no standing on our own.

Guide: Your mercy provides a way for the righteous that will protect and sustain us.

People: You know us, your creation, and therefore you call us to confess our sins to you and pray for your forgiveness.

- Silent Confessions –

Guide: Lead us now to pray the prayer You taught Your disciples, saying
“The Lord’s Prayer” (debts/debtors) p. 35 in hymnal

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: The Gospel of Jesus Christ gives joy to the oppressed, health to the afflicted, and peace to the soul. His goodness shines on us!

CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)

#582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

ANTHEM “Down to the River to Pray” arr. Sheldon Curry

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy Spirit, fill us with knowledge of your Word, and grace to spread God’s love to all who will receive it.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 1

1 The truly happy person doesn’t follow wicked advice, doesn’t stand on the road of sinners, and doesn’t sit with the disrespectful.

2-3 Instead of doing those things, these persons love the Lord’s Instruction, and they recite God’s Instruction day and night! They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don’t fade. Whatever they do succeeds.

4-5 That’s not true for the wicked! They are like dust that the wind blows away. And that’s why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice - neither will sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 The Lord is intimately acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

All: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.

Matthew 22:34-46

34 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they

met together.

35-36 One of them, a legal expert, tested him. “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37-38 He replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

39-40 And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

41-42 Now as the Pharisees were gathering, Jesus asked them, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” “David’s son,” they replied.

43-44 He said, “Then how is it that David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, called him Lord when he said, The Lord said to my lord, ‘Sit at my right side until I turn your enemies into your footstool’?”

45 “If David calls him Lord, how can he be David’s son?”

46 Nobody was able to answer him. And from that day forward nobody dared to ask him anything.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SERMON “Heritage” Pastor Joseph

HYMN #828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Father, as the days start to grow cold, remind us of your love so that we may reflect the warmth you want us to share with our neighbors, both near and far. Warmth that is not a mere word of consolation but with action that provides a means to protect from the cold; to provide food and healing for those around us.

People: We are your people, Lord. Our neighbors are your people, as well. We don’t know who we will meet that you have called to be in your kingdom. They may have a mission you have appointed them to. Quicken our spirits to hear the Holy Spirit’s invitation to love them as we pray for them now.

- *Silent prayers for others and ourselves. A candle is lit.* -

Pastor: God, thank you for using us to fulfil your work. Keep us on the path to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is in his name we pray. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION UKIRK student, Ella Levering, shares about their ministry.

OFFERTORY "Meditation on ‘O God Our Help in Ages Past’" Charles Callahan

***OFFERING** *(in unison)* "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"
*God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.*

DEDICATION *(unison)*

*We have and will give of the resources you have placed in our stewardship. We
will accomplish the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, for it is in His name we pray.
Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN #275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

BENEDICTION Pastor Joseph

DOXOLOGY *(in unison)* #606

*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.*

POSTLUDE "Rigaudon" Andre Campra

DAILY BIBLE VERSES

Monday James 2:8-13

Tuesday Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25

Wednesday Proverbs 9:1-12

Thursday Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

Friday Habakkuk 3:16-19

Saturday Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday I John 3:1-3