Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
November 22, 2026 Proper 29

Prayers written by Don Quinley.

PRELUDE "Hymns of Grateful Praise" Mary McDonald and Lloyd Larson
Janice James, piano Nancy Berry, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: And God said, blessed are those who listen to my instruction.

People: We will listen and be blessed. We will worship the Lord and inhabit the warmth of his radiance, for we are made in God's image.

Pastor: And God said, whoever finds me, finds life.

People: We will find favor from the Lord, and we will be blessed with wisdom from his holy table.

HYMN #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: Lord, God of creation, of the universe and us - your special creation. We are amazed and humbled that you have invested your image in us. We are surprised that you want to allow us to be your representatives before the nations. And yet, our surprise only confirms our limited appreciation of the depth of your love and understanding, of the unlimited resources you have shared with us.

People: Lord God, apart from the righteousness of our King Jesus, our sure redeemer, we have no standing before you. Although we are created in your image, we sought to believe that we could attain your wisdom, your knowledge, and to decide if we would follow your commands.

Guide: Your mercy provides a way for us to be robed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ which 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 "Acres Grace by Peter Amidon

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy Spirit, fill us with knowledge of the Word who became flesh and delivered himself to be the atonement for our sins. Give us the grace to spread God's love to all who will receive it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 8:22-31

22-23 "The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
24-25 When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth,
26-27 before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
28-29 when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
30 Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence,

31 rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.
All: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.

John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 He was with God in the beginning.
3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
4-5 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
6-8 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
9-10 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.
11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
12-13 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
15-16 John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.
17-18 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON **"In The Image" Rev. Rachel Penmore**

HYMN #666 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Father, as the days have turned 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 means to

protect from the cold, provide food and healing for those around us.

People: We are your people, Lord. Our neighbors are your people, as well. We will meet those you have appointed to serve your kingdom. 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 fulfill your work and to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is in his name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Adagio from 'Partita on Now Thank We All Our God'" 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 follow in the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, for it is in His name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

BENEDICTION Rev. Rachel Penmore

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 "Rejoice! The Lord is King" Healey Willan

Daily Bible Readings below...

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

This week, we are moving towards the first Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of the liturgical cycle. The first Sunday of Advent is always ”Hope,” and leans on the hope we have in Christ’s eventual return and reign.

Monday Psalm 8:1-9

Tuesday Habakkuk 2:2-4

Wednesday Proverbs 13:12-25

Thursday Romans 8:18-25

Friday John 8:12, 26-32

Saturday I Corinthians 1:3-9

Sunday Mark 13:24-37