

ORDER OF WORSHIP - NOVEMBER 10, 2024
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Dr. John Hatton

MINISTRY MOMENT

Becki Mayo

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Dr. James Humlong

Bound For The Promised Land

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Praise to the Lord

Philip Wade

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;
live a life that is full - build, plant, eat, love, multiply -
pray for your communities.

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts
for something happens here

that reminds us that we can live as God desires.

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us
and we can trust the promise.

***HYMN 127**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***A STATEMENT OF FAITH**

OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Philpot

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Dr. John Hatton

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR VETERANS

For friends who lay down their lives for one another,
we give you thanks.

For strangers who help others in need,
we give you praise.

For soldiers and peacemakers who serve
in whatever ways they are needed,
we pause in awe.

(Pause for a moment of silent reflection.)

O Loving Spirit, as you are with us now,
be with those serving around the globe,
that they may know your guiding presence
and we may sense our ongoing connection with one
another. In gratitude, we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

William Whiting/The Navy Hymn

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them where so e'r they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee,
glad praise from air, and land, and sea.**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Parker Outman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and eternal God,
have mercy on us.
Guide us through the fires of temptation,
and save us from the floods of selfishness.
Lift us from the burden of despair -
despair that would prevent us
from walking forth as your people
and answering your call.
Forgive us, O God,
and plant your seeds of forgiveness
in our lives and in our church,
that we might forgive,
even as we are forgiven.
Build us into your body of Christ,
in this time and place. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Build houses and live in them.
Plant gardens and eat your fill.
God is with us even in our most distant journeys.
Christ can heal us, even in our deepest despair.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN 468

Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Bill Moore

THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION

Rick Pope

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

If God Be for Us
Joseph M. Martin

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Kathy Rodgers

Jeremiah 29: 4-14 (NLT)

This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."

This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let your prophets and fortune-tellers who are with you in the land of Babylon trick you. Do not listen to their dreams, because they are telling you lies in my name. I have not sent them," says the LORD.

This is what the LORD says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the LORD. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Dr. John Hatton

***HYMN 529**

How Firm a Foundation

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Dr. James Humlong

Tocatta in Seven

John Rutter