

ORDER OF WORSHIP - NOVEMBER 17, 2024
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Dr. John Hatton

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Carillon Choir and Organ
Bonnie Lynch, Director

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Paul Sjolund

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Parker Outman

Come, let us praise the Lord, who is our health and salvation.

Let us draw near to the Holy One and join in adoration and praise.

Even when we are called to do difficult things, God will sustain us.

As we follow the example of Christ, we will seek to live a beautiful life.

Let us worship and become like more Jesus!

***HYMN 126**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

***PSALTER LESSON**

Psalm 17: 1-7, 15

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!

Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

From you let my vindication come!

Let your eyes see the right!

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,

if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;

my mouth does not transgress.

Concerning what others do:

I have avoided the ways of the violent

by following your word.

My steps have held fast to your paths,

my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love,

O savior of those who seek refuge

from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;

when I awake I shall be satisfied with beholding your presence.

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir; Hannah James, flute

A Psalm of Hope

Becki Slagle Mayo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Hannah James

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joan Wooden

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are our help and our hope.
In times of trial,
 keep us from falling into temptation.
In times of need,
 help us reach out for aid and lean on prayer.
Show us that others need our help, our hope,
 and our prayers.
Strengthen our resolve to offer those gifts
 where they are most needed.
When we become lost,
 welcome us home with mercy and grace,
 that we may do the same for others.
In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord is for us, our help and our hope.
In God's mercy and grace,
 we are welcomed with love
 and forgiven with compassion.
Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN 141

stanzas 1 and 2

Children of the Heavenly Father

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mark Shepherd

THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION

Charter Members

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dr. Douglas Herman

Esther 7: 1-6 (NLT)

So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet. On this second occasion, while they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "Tell me what you want, Queen Esther. What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!"

Queen Esther replied, "If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request, I ask that my life and the lives of my people will be spared. For my people and I have been sold to those who would kill, slaughter, and annihilate us. If we had merely been sold as slaves, I could remain quiet, for that would be too trivial a matter to warrant disturbing the king."

"Who would do such a thing?" King Xerxes demanded. "Who would be so presumptuous as to touch you?"

Esther replied, "This wicked Haman is our adversary and our enemy." Haman grew pale with fright before the king and queen.

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

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Dr. John Hatton

*HYMN 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Dr. James Humlong

"Now Thank We All Our God" from *Cantata 79*

J. S. Bach