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November 19, 2023

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE**

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**Boldface = All speak**

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

**PRELUDE**..... "Prelude" *Ted Smith*  
"Simple Gifts" *Shaker Melody, Arr. by Mark Hayes*

**WELCOME**

**CHORAL INTROIT** ..... "Give Thanks"

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place;*

**We come today to rest in you.**

*You have been the voice that guides us;*

**We come today to listen.**

*You have been the host who feeds us;*

**We come today to be filled.**

*You have been our joy and crown;*

**We come today to sing your praise!**

*Come, let us worship God!*

❖ **HYMN** ..... "Here in This Place" ..... **#401**

*(Marty Haugen (1979) © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc. Music: Marty Haugen.)*

❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

**Merciful God, we confess that once again, we have done what is evil in your sight. We've made mistakes. We've made missteps. We have hurt people, by action and inaction. We have wounded creation, by action and inaction. We have chosen our ways over yours, by action and inaction. (a time for silent confession) Forgive our past and shape our future so that we might build your kingdom here. In the strong name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

*The peace of Christ be with you!*

**And also with you!**

*The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.*

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** ..... Henry W. Greatorex (Public Domain) ..... **#581**

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## HEARING THE WORD

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### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy Spirit, your wisdom guides us deep into the mystery of your truth. Speak to us today, that we might understand your will and walk in your ways. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

**1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING** ..... Psalm 90:1-8 & 12, pg. 851  
*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM** ..... "Sing Praise"  
*(Words and music by Dave and Jean Perry)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE** ..... Matthew 25:14-30, pg. 1414  
*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

**MESSAGE** ..... The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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✦ **HYMN** ..... "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" ..... **#716**  
*(CCLI Song #2702157. Benjamin Franklin White | James H. Wood | Robert Lansing Edwards © Words: 1961, Renewed 1989 The Hymn Society. Music: 1958. Renewed 1986 Broadman Press)*

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from The Confession of 1967*)

**God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life. It is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

## OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**DOXOLOGY** ..... Genevan Psalter (Public Domain) ..... **#606**

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### GOING FORTH TO SERVE

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

**MINUTE FOR MISSIONAL ACTION** ..... Marlene Ceja  
Director of Community Relations, DuPage PADS

❖ **HYMN** ..... "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" ..... **#727**  
*(CCLI Song #72673. Richard Gillard © Words & Music: 1977 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing. Music: 1977 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing)*

## ❖SENDING FORTH

**POSTLUDE**..... "Fill My Cup, Lord" *Richard Blanchard, Arr. by Fred Bock*

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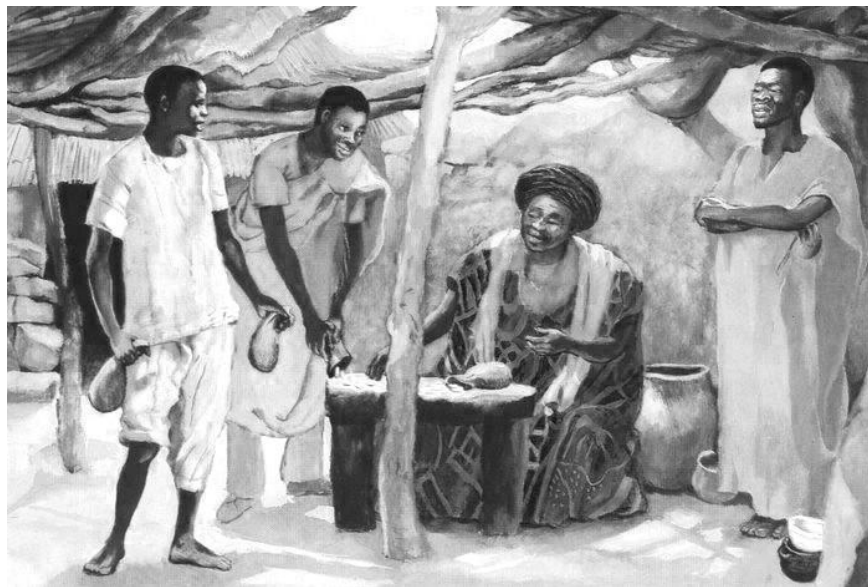
**Pastor:** The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

**Lector:** Sue Wexler

**Greeter/Usher:** Caroline Knoff

**Worship Pianist:** Amy Dickman

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