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Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 19, 2023
10:55 am

The Meditation

*As we approach Thanksgiving, we are grateful for a transcendent courage
that comes from a transcending God—a courage which allows us to live
in the freedom of being exactly who we are with joy and confidence.*

The Westminster Chimes

The Prelude

Thanks Be To Thee

Handel

The Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Matt Sapp

Give thanks to the Lord; call on the Lord's name;
make His deeds known to all the people!

For the Lord, our God, is faithful to a thousand generations!

Sing praises to the Lord; tell of the Lord's wonderful works,
and glory in His holy name!

For the Lord, our God, is faithful to a thousand generations!

Search for God, and for God's strength.

Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

For the Lord, our God, is faithful to a thousand generations!

***The Hymn No. 372**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***The Litany**

Based on Psalm 97

Miss Grace Headley

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.

**Clouds and thick darkness surround him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Fire goes before him
and consumes his foes on every side.

**His lightning lights up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all peoples see his glory.**

For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

Light shines on the righteous
and joy on the upright in heart.

***Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.***

***The Gloria Patri No. 705**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

**The Children's Sermon
The Scripture**

Psalm 90:1-6, 10-12
(pew Bible, p. 929)
...This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Rev. Katie Faison
Dr. Steve Cothran

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***The Hymn No. 356** *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

***The Offertory Prayer**

The Offertory *Let All Things Now Living*
Rev. Anne Cronic

Dr. Ronnie Oliver
KREMSER
Miss Headley
arr. Larson

***The Doxology No. 706**

*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*

The Special Music

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
The Chancel Choir

arr. Fettke

The Sermon

The Courage to Be
Matthew 25:14-30
(pew Bible, p. 1544)

Rev. Sapp

***The Hymn of Response No. 371** *Now Thank We All Our God*
(Stanza 3)

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

NUN DANKET

***The Benediction**

The Postlude

Nun Danket

Rev. Faison
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We welcome Mr. Rick Massengale, guest organist, to worship today.

*The floral arrangement in the sanctuary is placed
in memory of our nephew, Colin Henson,
by Katie, Jamey, Sadie and Hampton Keith.*

***Please stand if able.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 10-12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning: In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Matthew 25:14-30

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

