

The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian Church, it is the twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost		
PRELUDE	“Now Thank We All Our God” Amy Bender, organist	Kaufmann
WELCOME	Ben Chiappone, Liturgist	
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather in this place, allow your spirit to fill our very being.		
As we worship today, we remember our siblings who are worshiping elsewhere throughout the world. Inspire each of us to work more faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere.		
Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture, and creed that separate us. Give us wisdom as we deal with one another; help us to recognize and to respect different ways, rather than to judge.		
In the spirit of Jesus who came not to be served but to serve, we now must walk in the world, we now must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love. Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world.		
Come, people of God, rejoice!		
Come, let us worship together.		
From Flames of the Spirit by Ruth Duck		
*OPENING HYMN	“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”	UMH #581
OPENING PRAYER		
ANTHEM	9:00	“Make a Joyful Sound!” Charter Members Men’s Choir
	11:00	“Fill the Earth with Praise” Lloyd Larson
SCRIPTURE	Amos 5:18–24, p. 650	
KIN-DOM SIGNS		
Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School		
SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin		

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

OFFERTORY	9:00	“If Anyone Be in Christ”	Joseph M. Martin
	11:00	“Consecration”	John Ness Beck
*DOXOLOGY #94 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!			
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION			
SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS			
SILENT PRAYER			
PASTORAL PRAYER			
THE LORD'S PRAYER Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.			
HYMN OF CENTERING		“Spirit of the Living God”	UMH #393
<i>Hymn History:</i> This hymn was written by Daniel Iverson. Born in Georgia in 1890, he graduated from the University of Georgia and the Columbia Theological Seminary. Rev. Iverson was ordained a Presbyterian Minister. He served at churches in North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. While at the church in Tarboro, North Carolina in 1926, he wrote the words to this hymn. A plaque at the church commemorates the occasion. Rev. Iverson was inspired by the words in Jeremiah 18: 1-6 where the Lord instructs Jeremiah to visit a potter. The Lord says to Jeremiah that just as a potter can remold a pot, He can remold Israel. Rev. Iverson died in North Carolina in 1977.			
SCRIPTURE			Matthew 25:14-30, p. 702
MESSAGE		“Inspired...for Bold Action”	Rev. Steve Stultz Costello
*HYMN OF MISSION		“Take My Life, and Let It B	UMH #399
*FAITH IN ACTION			

*BENEDICTION

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Piet Post



Altar Flowers are presented by Marty Ellsworth
In Loving Memory of Terry Ellsworth, from his family & friends

Pulpit Flowers presented by Bev Reese
In Memory of Wayne, husband, father, and grandfather

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November 19, 2023
Traditional Worship



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