

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude arr.

Title
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Call to Worship Julie Richardson

Leader: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

All: God was.

Leader: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

All: God is.

Leader: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found fulfillment,

All: God will be.

Leader: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit

All: God was, God is, God will be.

Invocation Julie Richardson

* Hymn of Praise 585 HYMN TO JOY

Tell It Out with Gladness

Old Testament Reading *Amos 1:1-2* Julie Richardson

(page 791 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton and Chiquikta Fountain

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Ray Hatton

Choral Worship *A Living Sacrifice* Cindy Berry

The Sanctuary Choir

What shall I bring to the Lord? What shall I offer Him? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings in atonement for my sin? Shall I bring my treasures to lay at His feet? Shall I offer them up in the flame? What sacrifice will please the Lord, and bring glory to His name? He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? So let my life be guided by Your love; let my heart be fixed on things above. May all that I do bring glory to You, my God and King. Let me walk by faith and not by sight; may I reflect His glorious light, always striving to obey, worthy in every way. May I be a living sacrifice, I pray.

* Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.***

Old Testament Reading Rev. Dr. Jason Coker

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24
(page 795 in the pew Bible)

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All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Jason Coker

Hope is a Four Letter Word

Musical Meditation William Wallace

Immortal Love, Forever Full

Trudy Hatton *soprano*

Prayers of the People Rev. Holly Hatton

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Holly Hatton

**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.**

* Response 252 *Gloria Patri* GLORIA PATRI

***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.***

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Hymn of Response *They'll Know We're Christians* Peter Scholtes

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

Chorus: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.*

The Welcoming of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

Commission and Blessing Julie Richardson

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* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Postlude *Title* arr.

Aaron Foster, *organist*