



“Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.”

- Matthew 25:1

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 78

Leader: Let us tell the coming generations the glorious deeds of the Lord.

People: Who appointed a law for the nation, for us to pass on to those yet unborn,

Leader: That the next generation might know them, and rise up and teach their children,

People: So that all will set our hope on God, remembering what the Lord has done.

HYMN #662

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Charles Dickerson

**Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.**

**God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.**

**Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless his glorious name, henceforth forevermore.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, we can hardly believe the trust you place in us. We know our fears and our failures, and doubt that we can live up to your hopes. Yet all around us we see your grace and compassion, and we know that you are faithful. Help us to live in hope and trust, and to put our faith to work in the world, so that others may see the wonders of your love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Phil Gerlach

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“In the Season of Our Plenty”

Handbell Choir
Directed by Jan Johnson

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Merrietta Fong

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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

**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.**

Charles Dickerson

SCRIPTURE

- Matthew 25:1-13

The wise and foolish bridesmaids

Phil Gerlach

SERMON

"Time!"

Jonathan Chute

HYMN #98

"To God Be the Glory"

Charles Dickerson

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

**Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done!**

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.**

**Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done!**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
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Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
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