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22 November 2026 – 10:30 AM
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Reign of Christ • Thanksgiving

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.**
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

PRELUDE — *Prayer* — Angelo Maria Trovato
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

WELCOME — The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

A CALL TO THANKSGIVING — *Deuteronomy 8:7-18* select

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that is given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep God's commandments. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is God who gives you power to get wealth, so that God may confirm the covenant sworn to your ancestors, as God is doing today.

*HYMN 28 [hymn sheet] — *For the Beauty of the Earth* — DIX

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

*GREETING OF PEACE

ANTHEM — *I Will Sing Unto the Lord* (Psalm 104) — Imant Raminsh
CHANCEL CHOIR • Cheryl Anderson, director

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 25:31-46* James Neef, liturgist

"When the Son of Man comes in glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

MEDITATION *When was it that we saw you hungry?* Pastor Dave

RESPONSE #793 Argentinian traditional

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Dios.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY
Invitation
Offertory Music "Praise the Lord" from *Judas Maccabaeus* G. F. Handel

*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.

*HYMN 419 [hymn sheet] *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach/V.Fox

28 For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1–3, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.
St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993



Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

419 Nun danket alle Gott
(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20–24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.



For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This hymn has become one of the most widely used hymns of the church.

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
Johann Crüger, 1647
Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840