

God's
Whisper

November 2, 2025

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Order of Worship

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — Arioso — J. S. Bach/arr. P. Gouin

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE — “Grand Isle” (“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”) — Charles Callahan

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, behold the power of God!

People: **We see God's power in creation.**

Leader: Come, taste the goodness of God!

People: **We sense God's goodness in providing for us, body and soul.**

Leader: Come, know the presence of God with us!

People: **We feel God's presence in the stillness that touches our hearts.**

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #326 — “For All the Saints” (8:30 vv. 1, 3, and 5)**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we come to you seeking a moment of peace in this chaotic world. We try our hardest, but our successes don't last and nothing feels like enough. We want to withdraw and hide, for the journey is too much and we are tired. Forgive us for taking it all on our own shoulders. Forgive us when we try to play your part instead of our own. Pierce our arrogance with your power. Relieve our fears with your grace. Nourish our calling with your faithfulness. In the quiet, renew our spirits and remind us of your purpose, then draw us out to follow.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA — #583**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC — “Pie Jesu” (from *Requiem*) — Andrew Lloyd Webber

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Merciful Jesus. Father, who takes away the sins of the world.

Grant them rest. Lamb of God. Grant them rest everlasting.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Kings 19:1-10 — pg. 326 in OT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Kings 19:11-18 — pg. 326 in OT

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #410 — “God Is Calling Through the Whisper” (10:30 only)**

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND — Susan Rowell for Fellowship Team

OFFERING

Offertory (8:30) — “God Is Calling Through the Whisper” — Trad. Polish Folk Melody

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(10:30) — “I Need Thee Every Hour” — arr. John Ness Beck

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***Doxology — #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #730 — “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION — “A Blessing of Peace” — David Schwoebel**

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE — “Sine nomine” (“For All the Saints”) — Paul Leddington Wright

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Ministers: All the Members of the Congregation

Pastors:

The Rev. Sandra Stogsdill Nichols, *Pastor*

Patrick Yancey, *Commissioned Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*

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Dr. Kevin Kellim, *Director of Music*

Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans, *Organist*

Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith, *Assistant Organist*

Norma Pettijohn, *Organist Emeritus*

Soloist: Brandon Bayless

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