



Sunday, October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Nathan Wannemacher

Prelude

Andante from Sonata op. 65 no. 5 in D Major
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 145:9-13a

The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

*Call to Worship

Lydia Meister

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*Hymn of Praise #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Merciful God, for the wrongs we have done,

People: forgive us;

Leader: for the rights we have failed to do,

People: forgive us;

Leader: for all the times we have acted without love,

People: forgive us;

Leader: for all the times we have reacted without thought,

People: forgive us;

Leader: for all the times we have withdrawn care,

People: forgive us;

Leader: for all the times we have failed to forgive,

People: God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Hear the good news!

People: Who is in a position to condemn?

Leader: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Thanks be to God.

God's Will for Our Lives – Hebrews 12:1-3

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

People: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

***Gloria Patri #579** "Glory Be to the Father"

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 145:9-13 (p. 631)

Lydia Meister

Meditation

Finale. *Andante* from Sonata op. 65 no. 6 in D minor
Felix Mendelssohn

Ruth Pfister, Organ

New Testament Reading – Matthew 13:44-46 (p. 980)

Sermon

"Stories of an Alternative Reality:
The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl"

Nathan Wannemacher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response** – #365 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Raja Chintapalli, Elder for
Children's Ministry

Offertory

Verses 2, 3 and 8 from Partita sopra, “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” Ruth Pfister, Organ
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

***Doxology** #592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayers of the People

Raja Chintapalli

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

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.

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming Guests & Announcements

Raja Chintapalli

***Hymn of Dedication** – “All I Once Held Dear” (insert)

***Sending and Benediction**

Nathan Wannemacher

Postlude

Fugue in C Major BWV 545
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***

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