



Sunday, November 17, 2024  
Twenty-sixth 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.*

### Prelude

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

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 92:12-15

- <sup>12</sup>The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,  
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;  
<sup>13</sup>planted in the house of the Lord,  
they will flourish in the courts of our God.  
<sup>14</sup>They will still bear fruit in old age,  
they will stay fresh and green,  
<sup>15</sup>proclaiming, "The Lord is upright;  
he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

### Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

### \*Call to Worship

Lydia Meister

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.

**People: It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

### \*Hymn of Praise #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

### Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Gracious God, in love, you have called us to be fruitful disciples of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Forgive us for failing to bear fruit in our lives, too often seeking the flourishing of our own kingdoms rather than of your kingdom. Through your Holy Spirit make us fruitful for you, as we await the coming of your kingdom. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

## **God's Will for Our Lives**

**People: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.** (Ephesians 2:10)

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

## **Commissioning of Nathan Wannemacher as Associate Pastor**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 5:1-7 (p. 690)

Lydia Meister

### **Meditation**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Words: Ancient Irish, translated by Mary Byrne

Music: Traditional Irish melody, setting by Craig Courtney

Randal Turner, Baritone

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **New Testament Reading**

Matthew 21:33-46 (pp. 989-990)

### **Sermon**

"Stories that Sting – Jesus' *Parable of the Tenants*"

Rev. Mark van Stee

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response #416** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Warren Schenler, Council Chairperson

### **Offertory**

"All Good Things Will Be Added unto You"

Text and music by Shelton Becton

Randal Turner, Baritone

Ruth Pfister, Piano

### **\*Doxology**

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**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 of Guests**

Warren Schenler

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn of Dedication #442** "The Church's One Foundation"

**\*Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

**Postlude**

Fugue in D Major P. 153  
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

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

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

Today's cover art is Italian artist Domenico Fetti's *Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen* (1620). The painting depicts the killing of the vineyard owner's son by the vineyard workers (husbandmen) as presented in Jesus' parable from Matthew 21.