



Serving God

Honoring Creation

Embracing Differences

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jimmy Chapman, CP

OPENING SENTENCES

Lift up your eyes to the Lord—
the exalted one, who is enthroned in the heavens.
*Seeking compassion, seeking grace,
we look to the Lord, the giver of mercy.*
Pour into God’s temple;
draw near to the king of creation.
We worship the Lord of heaven and earth!

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist - John Hillin

*Ever-living God,
before the earth was formed
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen*

CONFESSION

John Hillin

Let us, strive to be faithful servants
by putting on the armor of love,
donning the helmet of salvation,
and standing firm in hope.

*Lord, you have made us stewards of your creation
and commissioned us to carry out your work
to the best of our ability.
But we have not served you
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.
We withhold our gifts and live in fear.
Have mercy upon us, we pray.
Make us bold to use our talents
for the sake of your kingdom,
until you come in glory.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Servants, enter into the joy of your Master,
for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Hillin

SCRIPTURES

Jimmy Chapman, CP

Our first reading is from the first book of Thessalonians, chapter 5, verses 1
through 11. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.
This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Our gospel reading is from the gospel according to Matthew chapter 25 verses
14 through 30. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the
Lord.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“While We are Waiting”

Jimmy Chapman, CP

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

John Hillin

Our shepherd satisfies our needs;
in faith, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the church . . .
Make us mindful of the times and seasons,
watchful for the signs of your coming,
and hopeful in the day of salvation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the earth . . .
Do not let the earth be plundered
or consumed by violence and greed.
Sound the alarm before it is too late.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for all nations . . .
Give leaders the wisdom to turn aside from evil;
give people the will do what is right.
Hear the cries of those who are oppressed.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for this community . . .
Look with compassion upon our ruined cities,
abandoned homes, and unfruitful farms.
Be our refuge and dwelling place once again.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for loved ones . . .
Show mercy to those who lift their eyes to you;
deliver them from sickness, suffering, and shame;
let those who call upon your name be saved.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving shepherd, lead and guide us—
in green pastures and by still waters,
in right paths and through dark valleys,
until we feast with you in glory
and dwell in your house forever;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER - UNISON

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jimmy Chapman, CP

While we continue to worship in this adapted format, our mission inside and outside of the church building continues. Thank you for your consistent and generous gifts of time, talent and treasure!

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God.
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John Hillin

God of the harvest,
you are continually planting the seeds of your love
in our world and in our lives.
As we bring our gifts to you,
may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope,
planted deeply in our community. **Amen.**

— Sending —

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Jimmy Chapman, CP

The blessing of the holy, triune God,
who was and is and is to come—
first and last,
beginning and end,
Alpha and Omega—
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God
with heart and soul and mind and strength,
and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

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