

November 18, 2018

10:00 am

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity,

ALL: Adults and children, parents and teens, grandparents and infants.

ONE: It is like laughter at a family reunion where everyone celebrates their family ties.

ALL: In family, we see yesterday's vision unfolding and tomorrow's promise revealed.

ONE: We celebrate this Thanksgiving season with all people in this sanctuary, in this nation, and in this world.

ALL: We worship now as a family of God. Let us give thanks and sing to God our songs of unity and praise.

*Hymn of Praise "We Gather Together" Celebration Hymnal No. 790

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

To You, O God, we lift up our souls. To You we offer our praise and prayer, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make Your ways known to us. Show us the path on which we should walk. Lead us in Your truth and teach us. For You alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust; and the One on whom we wait. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 61:1-4

New Testament Lesson Romans 8:18-28

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

Sermon

"God Has a Purpose"

Rev. William Kren

Hymn of Reflection "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Celebration Hymnal No. 797

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Going Forth "Now Thank We All Our God" Celebration Hymnal No. 788

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Make Us One"

Make us one Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one
Let our love flow, so the world will know
We are one in you, we are one in you.

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 61:1-4

¹ O God, listen to my cry! Hear my prayer! ² From the ends of the earth, I cry to you for help when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the towering rock of safety, ³ for you are my safe refuge, a fortress where my enemies cannot reach me. ⁴ Let me live forever in your sanctuary, safe beneath the shelter of your wings!

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:18-28

¹⁸ Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. ¹⁹ For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. ²⁰ Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, ²¹ the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. ²² For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. ²⁴ We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don’t need to hope for it. ²⁵ But if we look forward to something we don’t yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.) ²⁶ And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will. ²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost
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Romans 8:18-28

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1. A PARTNERSHIP IN PAIN (Roman 8:18-22)

2. A PRAYER IN PAIN (Romans 8:28)

3. A PURPOSE IN PAIN (Romans 8:28)

Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your law.