

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord watches over the strangers;
God upholds those who are in need.
Stand firm and hold fast to your faith.
God will strengthen us in word and deed.

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

WELCOME

*HYMN # 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Hebrews 9:24-28 (p. 224, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 127

Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the sentries keep vigil.
It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for to the beloved the Lord gives sleep.
Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.
Happy are the warriors with a quiver full of them! they shall not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

SECOND READING: Mark 12:38-44 (p. 49, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN # 391

Take My Life

HENDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

(see insert)

SENDING

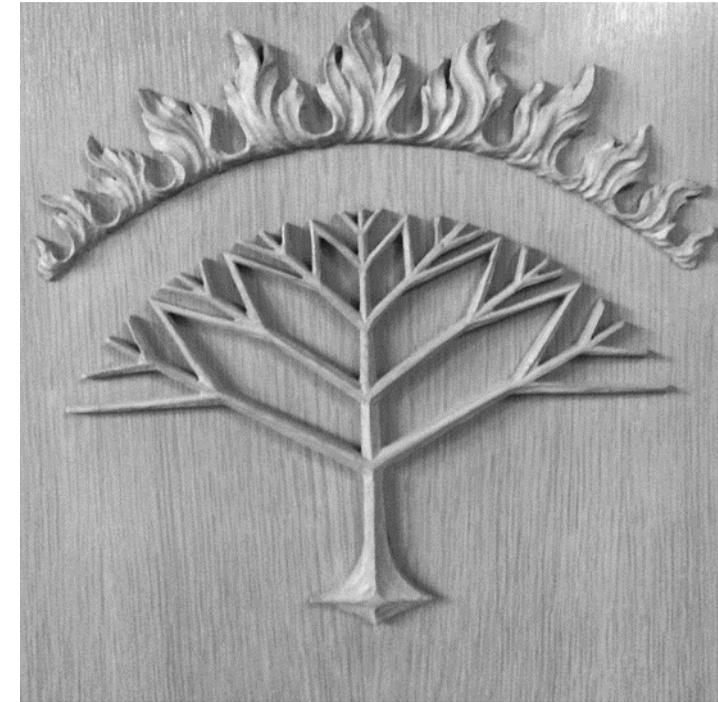
*HYMN # 554

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GIVING SUNDAY

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