November 16, 2025
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences
Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously; *Isa. 12:5-6*
let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.
Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.
Shout aloud and sing for joy,
in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.
Shout aloud and sing for joy,
as we come to worship the God of all creation!
Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

+ **Hymn: GTG #611** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of Mercy, we confess that we have not been obedient sons and daughters. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions and insistent in claiming our rights. We have not honored the tradition of the apostles, or imitated the example of your saints. Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of repentance, free us from our idle ways, and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness
... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: GTG #641 *"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"* ENGELBERG

Prayers of Intercession
... God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Message for the Children Sandy Diehl

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* ST. ANNE

+ **Response: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ **Prayer of Dedication**

+ **Affirmation of Faith** from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism* (London, 1647)

106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?
In the sixth petition, which is, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25 O.T. page 530
New heavens and a new earth

Canticle Isaiah 12:2-6
(The First Song of Isaiah)
The Holy One in your midst

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord GOD is my stronghold and my song,
and has become my Savior.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And in that day you will say:
Give thanks and call upon the name of the LORD.
Make known among the nations what the LORD has done;
proclaim that the name of the LORD is exalted.
Sing praises, for the LORD has done great things;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O people of God,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

New Testament Lesson 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 N.T. page 162
Do what is right

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:5-19 N.T. page 65
Suffering for Jesus' sake

Response to Scripture *Rev. 21:5*
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music *"Hymn of Promise"* Sleeth
Barb VanDyke and Monte Shuck

Sermon "The Days Will Come" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ **Hymn: GTG #757** *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"* KINGSFOLD

+ **Charge**
Be strong in the truth of God.
Bear witness to the gospel.
Persevere in the face of evil.
Persist in your commitment to Christ.
Live without fear.
Love without reserve.
Amen.

+ **Blessing**
May the grace of God,
the love of Christ,
and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
Alleluia!

Postlude *"God of Our Fathers"* NATIONAL HYMN

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

Serving Us Today
Liturgist: Barbara Georgescu
Greeters: Julie Dart and Monte Shuck
Next Week's Greeters: Debbie and Rick Markiewicz
Sound: Tami Chapman
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond and Barry Chapman

Today's flowers are given by
Mary Lou French
in memory of
loved ones

Church History in Miniature

#54: Malta

Paul and his shipwrecked companions manage to reach Malta. They spend the winter on the island, where Paul heals many who are sick.
(Acts 27:27—28:10) (AD 59-60)

The Study Catechism

Question 84. What do you mean when you speak of "the resurrection of the body"?

Because Christ lives, we will live also. The resurrection of the body celebrates our eternal value to God as living persons, each one with a unique and distinctive identity. Indeed, the living Savior who goes before us was once heard, seen and touched in person, after the discovery of his empty tomb. The resurrection of the body means hope for the whole person, because it is in the unity of body and soul, not in soul alone, that I belong in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
	Youth group preparing to serve the homeless	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am
	Youth group serving the homeless in Lansing	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
Nov. 19: Mari Nicol
Nov. 21: Laurie McGonigal

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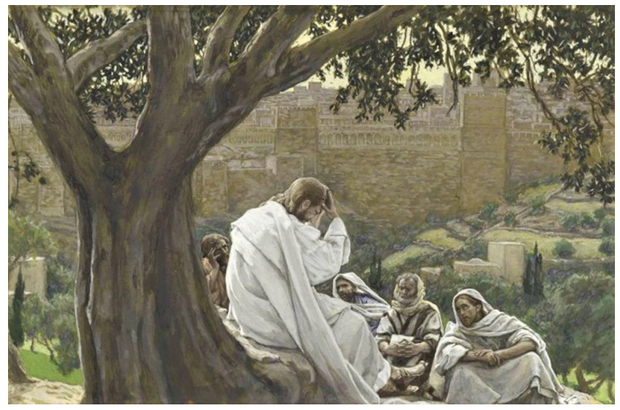

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by James Tissot, c. 1890

"By your endurance you will gain your souls."
(Luke 21:19)