

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**November 11, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.  
Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Prelude in C minor*

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

**INTROIT**

*Da Pacem Domine*

Melchior Franck  
(1580-1639)

Da pacem, Domine, in diebus nostris  
Quia non est alius  
Qui pugnet pro nobis  
Nisi tu Deus noster

*Give peace, O Lord, in our time  
because there is no one else  
who fights for us  
if not you, our God.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Minister:** You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

**People:** **For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.**

**Minister:** Through the testing of this ministry, you glorify God by your obedience to the confession for the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with the saints and with all others.

**All:** **Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

**\*HYMN 482**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Generous God, you created the world out of your abundant love;  
in the fullness of time you sent your Son into the world  
that we might have life and have life abundantly:  
Have mercy on us when we live as though  
we will never have enough.  
Uncleth our hands that hoard what we were made to share.  
Unclog our ears to hear the agony of all who cry for justice.  
Unbind our hearts and open our minds to the plight of the oppressed.  
Release our tongues to proclaim jubilee in our own time and place.  
Make our love tangible, our compassion active,  
and our trust in your promises more than enough to go on,  
until your kingdom comes; though Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

**KYRIE ELEISON**

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
(Hymn 416)

Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory,  
While unending ages run.

**\*THE PEACE**

Minister: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ’s peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIVING ABUNDANTLY SHARING**

Shannon and Ryan Cavanaugh

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Almighty God, who has so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us, give us grace to hear the word you are speaking, so that in everything we may yield ourselves, our will, our works and our abundance, to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

II Corinthians 9:6-15 (p. 183)

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Grow Little Tree*

Andrea Ramsey  
(b. 1979)

Grow, little tree.  
Stretch your arms and spread your leaves.  
What will you be?  
  
Grow, little tree.  
Wave your branches wild and free for all to see.

I’ll grow too  
Just like you  
Nurture me  
I look to you  
For what to do

Teach me how to dance.  
Dance in the wind.  
Stand and soak up the sun.

And when the storm brings a shower,  
let the earth catch my tears  
and sprout a new flower.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Mackenzie Mae Boyd  
Infant Daughter of Irvin Basil Boyd III and Amy Jean Boyd  
Adeline Mitzi Decktor  
Infant Daughter of David Bernard Decktor and Lauren Boyd Decktor

**HYMN (seated)**

*During the organ introduction, children through fifth grade  
may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.*

TALLIS’ CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way,  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in your Spirit strong and true,  
Our lives may be our gift to you.

**SERMON**

The Gift of God’s Abundance

Ms. Jarvis

*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,  
so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly  
in every good work.”*

*II Corinthians 9:8*

**\*HYMN 422**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

**PRAYERS**

Minister: The Lord be with you,

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,

**People: And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,

**People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*Prayers concluding with 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.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Seed to Sow*

arr. Robert Emerson  
(b. 1950)

Kimu nkimaanyi  
Buli muntualina ensiigo  
Omutima gwo gukulung ’aa mye.  
Buli muntualina ensiigo

Some people quietly reveal in the manner of the meek,  
Some people shout the way they feel to a radical degree,  
Some people sing it to express, while others hear another call.  
Some people speak with subtleness, some don't rely on words at all.

But let me tell you ’bout, one thing I know, everybody’s got a seed to sow.  
Let your heart of hearts take you down the road, everybody’s got a seed to sow.

We all are pieces of the whole, with different feelings to evoke.  
Giving distinction to the role, different players different strokes.

But let me tell you ’bout, one thing I know, everybody’s got a seed to sow.  
Let your heart of hearts take you down the road, everybody’s got a seed to sow.

Some people walk, some people race, some people vary in their pace.  
But God can use what you can give, within the mysteries of his ways.

Don't underestimate, one thing I know, everybody’s got a seed to sow.  
Let your heart of hearts take you down the road,

Everybody’s got a seed to sow.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*O God, Beyond All Praising*

THAXTED

**BENEDICTION**



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, We wor-ship you to - day  
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, Ac-cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing That songs can - not re - pay;  
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our king;



For we can on - ly won - der At ev - 'ry gift you send,  
And wheth - er our to - mor-rows Be filled with good or ill,



At bless-ings with - out num-ber And mer-cies with-out end:  
We'll tri-umph through our sor-rows And rise to bless you still:



We lift our hearts be - fore you And wait up - on your word,  
To mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.  
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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Tune: THAXTED, 13 13 13 13 13 13, Gustave Holst, 1874-1934

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Postlude on Thaxted*

William H. Bates  
(1917-1969)

\*Congregation standing

**Music Notes:**

**Pennsylvania Girlchoir**

Pennsylvania Girlchoir has maintained a repertoire steeped in the classical tradition, and continues to provide superior choral music education and performance opportunities for young people from diverse economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds since its inception in 2004. The Girlchoir performs with the region's most distinguished ensembles and local arts and culture organizations, including: the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia, Opera Philadelphia, the Curtis Institute of Music, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, WHYY, the University of Pennsylvania, the Network for New Music and Carnegie Hall. The Girlchoir has toured and performed in the Pacific Northwest, South Africa and throughout Europe and South America and will tour Australia in summer 2019.

For more information about Pennsylvania Girlchoir performances and auditions, visit [www.pennsylvaniagirlchoir.org](http://www.pennsylvaniagirlchoir.org)

**LEADING WORSHIP:** Cynthia A. Jarvis, Brian D. Russo and Austin Crenshaw Shelley

**MUSIC:** Pennsylvania Girlchoir: Schola Cantorum and Kantorei, Marianne Gruzowski, Conductor; Trouvéres, Steve Fisher, Conductor; and Ken Lovett, Organist

**GREETERS:** Elders: James Walker and Matthew Ward; Deacons: Jane Kaufman and Sharon Kelly

**USHERS:** Barbara Keeler, Team #4 Leader; Shannon Cavanaugh, James Cupp, Joan Demme, and Anne Standley

**FLOWER GUILD:** Barrett Stewart and Grace Stewart

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Marjorie and Floyd Wright and  
Doris and Robert Greer  
by Robert and Dianne Wright Greer.*