

November 14, 2021 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: "Nobody Knows De Trouble I've Seen" spiritual

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn (Instrumental): #426 NCH "O God Whose Steadfast Love"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come, let us present ourselves before our God. Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

Congregation: Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers. We find strength for living as we praise God.

Liturgist: Lay down your arrogance and false pride. Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

Congregation: We pour out our souls before the living God. We do not withhold from God our misery and distress.

Liturgist: God grants our petitions and gives us peace. The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

Congregation: In God's presence there is fullness of joy. As we meet, we are encouraged and comforted.

Hymn (Instrumental): #596 NCH "Rock of Ages"

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, we confess the arrogance of our doubts and the falsehood of our denials. We have neglected to pray and have forgotten to give thanks. Many activities have become more important to us than gathering for worship. Our busyness crowds out times of private prayer. We shake our heads at the evil around us but do little to witness to a better way. Your law is seldom consulted, and your pathways of self-sacrificing love rarely explored. Turn us around, God. Only you can meet our need. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri (Instrumental)

Old Testament Lesson – 1 Samuel 1:4-20 – Amid gross misunderstanding – barrenness was wrongly considered spiritual disfavor and sincere prayer was falsely equated with drunkenness – God's servant, Hannah, received assurance of God's love.

Hymn of Praise – Be Thou My Vision – performed by Julia McMinn

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson – Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 – Many religious people in the first century had questions about the religion of the early Christians. In this portion of Hebrews the writer illustrates how Christianity is based in the Jewish religion but also how it is different.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory: #19 Red Hymnal "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Doxology

Gospel Lesson – Mark 13:1-8 – From the beginning, the Gospel of Mark introduces the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The entire Gospel is committed to recounting the words and actions of Jesus that supported the claim God had on his life.

Sermon

Closing Hymn (Instrumental): #172 NCH "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Benediction

Postlude: Kawai Piano Selections