

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Theme: The Days Are Surely Coming: Trust



“See, I am doing a new thing. . .” Isaiah 43:19

GATHERING

Prelude:

Give of Your Best to the Master

C. Barnard, arr. W. J. Auld

Call to Worship (*inspired by Isaiah 65:17-25*)

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ,

Women: For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!

Men: The old order is gone!

All: Everything is to be made new!

Leader: Can you believe—illness, disease, crying and mourning, all are to be gone.

Women: Suffering and pain shall be a distant memory.

Men: Hatred and war shall cease from the earth.

All: Through the mighty power of God, the earth and creation itself is to be renewed, restored, redeemed.

Leader: The days are surely coming, can we wait, can we hold out?

People: For Christ has come and will come again!

Leader: Surely as we believe, Christ is risen! Death and the ways of death are defeated!

People: This we claim and proclaim! Hallelujah!

Leader: Hallelujah! AMEN*

Hymn: #370 “This Is My Father’s World” Bell Choir

Prayer of the Day and Confession including Affirmation of Faith

Lord of All Things New, one day in the New Jerusalem we shall all walk in peace. There shall be joy, unspeakable joy. No longer shall there be weeping or wailing. Nor shall there be hunger and insecurity. In the New Jerusalem we will not labor in vain. No more shall we plant and eat of the fruit of our hands. No

more shall we build only to have another inhabit our dwelling or tear down. No more shall we be oppressed because of class, color, or gender.

We confess O God, we are more like the vision in Luke than the vision of Isaiah. We see wars and rumors of war, hatred, division and violence everywhere, yet in despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice and persecution, and often lose our voices in prophetic protest. We easily become discouraged and disheartened.

Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah’s vision of the peaceable realm—your promise of a new heaven and new earth. In the New Jerusalem our enemies will become our friends. Rise up children of the Most High God, see what is to come! Hold this promise in your heart. For now we shall toil and not see the benefits for a while. But one day, God shall come for us and bring us to the new city. There we will rest from our present worries and find true communion with the Creator and all creation. Let Isaiah’s cry be our cry: “They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.” In that spirit we pray, AMEN

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we are part of the new heaven and new earth.

People: In God’s love, we greet one another in the spirit of reconciliation and peace.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem:

“We Gather Together”

Netherlands Folk Hymn, arr. B. Kinyon

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 New heavens and a new earth

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Do what is right

Sermon:

“Trusting the Right Thing”

*Hymn: #293 “Loving Spirit”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Restoring God, where sorrow is lifted, joy takes root. Whenever we bring our gifts to the church, let them be seeds of your promised future—an offering of hope and mercy in a weary world. Use what we give and who we are to proclaim a realm where none are forgotten, where the wolf and lamb lie down in peace, and where the sound of weeping is no more. Let this act of giving remind us that your dream is still unfolding—and that we are helping to build it. In Christ's name, who is our joy. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #634 "To God Be the Glory"

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go forth into a world that needs new visions.

People: We carry with us the message of hope, love, and peace to all we meet.

Leader: We go, seeking to live the dream, to make it a reality.

People: We will celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises.

Leader: Go and live the new creation. AMEN

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

Postlude: "Let All Things Now Living" Traditional Welsh Air

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
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