

**November 10, 2024**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Invocation**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** inspired by Psalm 107

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; his love endures forever.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and God's wonderful acts of grace for all people.**

for God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

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**Hymn**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (v.1-3, 6)

UMH #117

**Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illuminate the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Scripture**      *1 Thessalonians 5: 12 -28*

12 But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup>esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup>See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. <sup>25</sup> Beloved, pray for us. <sup>26</sup> Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup>I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. <sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Gloria Patri**

*Glory Be to the Father*

UMH #70

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

UMH #431

**Sermon**

*Attitudes of Gratitude: Final Instructions*

Rev. Wallace Johnson

Is anyone feeling a little stressed these days? Significant scientific research connects thankfulness with reduced stress. What does scripture say about mindful gratitude?

**Choral Offering**

*As Water to the Thirsty*

The Chancel Choir

**Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada**

UMH #883

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn**

*O God of Every Nation*

UMH #435

(TUNE: The Church's One Foundation)

**Benediction**

**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

**Glory Be to the Father**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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**Affirmation of Faith (United Church of Canada)**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and

others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (v. 5)**

5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

**O God of Every Nation**

1. O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land, Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.
2. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that Shower destruction through the night, From pride of race and station and blindness to Your way, deliver ev'ry nation, Eternal God, we pray.
3. Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; When hope and courage falter, Lord let your voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.
4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign, and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

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