

Postlude—*Paeon*—Herbert Howells

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given

in loving memory of Howie Dardas on his birthday

in honor of our 50 year members

Prelude—Psalm 34:6-7

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Anthem Lyrics—*O Lord, Support Us*—Allen Pote

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy great mercy, grant us safe lodging and holy rest and peace at the last. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Offertory Lyrics—*Like a River In My Soul*—Tim Osiek

I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul. When you're hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise! I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river, in my soul.

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 10:45 am.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

November 10, 2024

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—*Psalm-Prelude, Op. 32, No 1*—Herbert Howells

Introit—Psalm 96—Roger McMurrin

Call to Worship

On the day I called, you answered me,

In the midst of my trouble you increased the strength of my soul.

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart,

For your steadfast love and your faithfulness endure forever!

Opening Hymn 128** —*He Leadeth Me*

Invocation

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries, open my heart so that they need not be without succor; let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 112:1-6

Gloria Patri—*Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal p. 70)

Anthem—*Oh Lord, Support Us*—Allen Pote

Epworth Choir
Elliotte Barker, solo

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 58:3-12

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon—“Daylight”

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 454**—*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Discipleship Moment—Celebrating Our 50 Year Members

Barb Cully, John Hall, Norma Hall, Bonnie Nine, Pat Nelman, Sue Nelman,
Linda Ann Bloss, Melody Ann Youngkin, Sue Ellen Brokaw

Offertory—*Like a River In My Soul*—Tim Osiek

Chancel Choir

Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of the People/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 trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 593**—*Here I Am Lord*

Benediction—*Into the Coming Days*—Ruth Elaine Schram

**Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #128, He Leadeth Me

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

- He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.
2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.
(Refrain)
3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
(Refrain)
4. And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.
(Refrain)

GLORIA PATRI

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #454, Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #593, Here I Am Lord

1. I, the Lord of the sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who have made the stars of the night,
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I the Lord of the snow and rain,
I have born my people' pain
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their heart's of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart

CHURCH NOTES 11-10-24

Charge Conference and potluck will be TODAY after the 10:45 am service in Wesley Hall. Please join us!

Poinsettias and Greens: This is your last chance to order “Holiday greens” and Poinsettias. All orders are due tomorrow.

Holiday Nut Sale: Nut pre-order forms are available at the Welcome Center and the church office. In-person sales will begin this week on Sundays, and in the office from 9-3pm/M-F. All proceeds from the sale benefit 2025 Work Camp.

Fall Concert Series: Singer’s Company in concert **Saturday, November 16, @5:00pm**. This highly acclaimed choir is back! Under the direction of Samuel Gordon, come experience their 25th anniversary season, “Discover Awesome.” They will be performing “A Thank You Note to the Universe” featuring a special commissioned piece in honor of their anniversary, as well as works by, Gjeilo, Von Kampen, Hagenberg, and Mc Groarty.

St. Nicholas Brunch: The St. Nicholas Brunch is returning in 2024 bigger and better! All are welcome! The ever popular omelet station is back along with other favorites and a few new surprises. **Join us December 8, 9:30-12:30am** in Wesley Hall. The cost is \$7/adults, \$5/children 3-11, under 3 is free.

We will also be hosting a St. Nicholas Shop where parents can help their children select gifts for others. A limited number of Santa's Helpers will be available to help kids shop for parents as well. And of course, St. Nicholas himself will be there. We will be accepting donations of hats, gloves, and scarves for our community. Questions or to Volunteer: melinda.chase@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing everyone!

City Tree Lighting: FUMC is joining the City and the Church Square to host community activities during the Cuyahoga Falls City Tree Lighting! Please mark your calendar and join us on **Saturday, November 30 from 4-6pm**. If you are interested in being available to greet our neighbors, please arrive at 4pm and wear your name tag and a smile. Thank you!

Keep the Change

Isaiah’s world was uncertain and anxious

vs. 9-10 – pointing fingers to try to change others leads to darkness and gloom

the only thing truly in our power to change is ourselves

Me to You

vs. 8 – our healing comes when we shift from selfishness to selflessness

John 15:13 – a full life is one that pours itself out for others

Questions for Reflection:

How do you differentiate between what can and what must be changed?

Do you tend to be more passionate about your rights or privileges being affected or someone else?

How do you think you might need to change or be changed in order to be more like Christ?

Questions for Discussion:

Describe a time when serving someone else brought you joy.

Did you find you were able to focus less about your own worries and needs?

Do you have any regular habits of serving others?

Memory Verse:

Isaiah 58:6 - Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Readings for this Week:

James 3:13-4:1, 1 Chronicles 29, Matthew 25:31-46

