

Eleventh
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Organ Suite G. Young
Promenade; Arioso; Prelude in Classic Style

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ORGAN INTROIT

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly T. Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#110 We Come, O Christ, To You DARWALL'S 148th

***INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are persistent with us.
You continually repeat your invitation to join you
in redeeming the world.
Yet, we have not been willing to do what you ask.
When you have challenged us to mature in faith,
we have refused,
because it is easier to remain spiritual children.
When you have reminded us to pursue
the heart of Christ,
we have chosen our own hearts over his.
When you have asked us to act
according to our faith in you,
we have given in to fear that you will reject us if we fail.
Lord, we ask your forgiveness.
Gather us in and make us partners with you once more,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

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.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 29-36
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

There Is A Balm in Gilead R. J. Powell

LITANY

One: So that we would always be persistent in our prayers
Many: Lord, graciously help us.
One: So that our prayers will always reflect your will
and your heart
Many: Lord, graciously help us.
One: So that we will know the Spirit prays with us -
Many: Lord, graciously help us.
One: So that prayer will always draw us to you -
Many: Lord, graciously help us.
All: Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#64 O God Beyond All Praising THAXTED

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#398 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus EBENEZER

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 15:21-28
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Nevertheless, She Persisted" Dawn Stiles

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

O God, Beyond All Praising arr. R. B. Farlee

***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 Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#638 O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come CANONBURY

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Organ Benediction**

Arioso (reprise) G. Young

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

Theme and Fugue on EBENEZER J. Behnke

***Please stand, as you are able.**

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