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26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2024

8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today's scripture lesson speaks to how God can bring healing and hope to difficult times. This month of November is also all about ThanksLiving - how do we say thank You for all the blessings of life, not only in words, but in deeds of love and compassion. You may be an answer to prayer for another person, your kindness and sharing of God's grace.

THE PRELUDE: *Sonetto del Petrarca 123* by Franz Liszt

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist
Harrison Michael, 5pm Worship Leader

GATHERING HYMN: **Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

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Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'r-ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and ever-more,
feed me now and ever-more.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv-'rer, strong deliv-'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 148)

(People read **bold** words.)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

Young men and women alike,

old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;

His glory is above earth and heaven.
Praise the Lord!

THE HYMN: **Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**
When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forever-more,
I will raise forever-more.

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Fixin' My Eyes on You* Preschool Choir, Director Michelle Lum (8:30am)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum
(Children may leave for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion.)

THE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 13th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 13:32-37

Jesus said, "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM (10am): *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Sanctuary Choir, Director Michelle Lum

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: **Give Me Jesus**

#770

**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

Refrain: **Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.**

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

**Dark mid-night was my cry, dark mid-night was my cry,
dark mid-night was my cry, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

**Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
just about the break of day, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

**Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

**And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing, give me Jesus.** (Refrain.)

MESSAGE: *Fixing a Scratched Record*

Pastor David R. Mattson (8:30/10am)
Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Harrison Michael

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

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Taste and See

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Refrain: **Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.**

**Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me.** (Refrain.)

**Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free.** (Refrain.)

**Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust.** (Refrain.)

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Refrain: **Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.** (Refrain.)

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.** (Refrain.)

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.** (Refrain.)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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**Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

THE SENDING: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in D Minor* by W.F. Bach

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

Harrison Michael, 5pm Worship Leader

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Communion: Bill Jonas & Kathy Martino; Lector: Tim Boyd; Ushers: John Adams & Gene Rathbun; Welcome Table: Janice Olson

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Lora & William Stoll; Communion: David & Susan Warneke; Lector: Wayne Johnson; Ushers: Margaret Dean & Dean Frasche; Welcome Table: Katherine Dickinson

5pm: Communion & Lector: Jeff Contestabile

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 17 - 23, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Preschool Choir (8:30am); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: AL Anon (5:30pm); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); RIOT (reading is our thing) Book Club (2pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); AL Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Preschool Friendship Luncheon (11am); Staff Meeting (1pm); Mission Hospital Alumni AA Group (6pm); Planning Team (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Alex McDonald Memorial (11am); Art Build Day (1pm); AL Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: AL Anon Meeting (10am); Middle School Youth Gathering

Saturday: Middle School Youth Gathering; AA Men (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian Worship (1pm); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Lora & William Stoll in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter, Grace Shirley Middleton!

THANKS TO THE PRESCHOOL CHOIR for singing at 8:30am service today! We also thank Minister of Art & Music Michelle Lum & the parents of the preschool choir for making this performance possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is in session. Children (4 years old - 5th grade) leave after Children's Message and return at Holy Communion. We thank all of those teaching, leading, helping, and assisting! The Sunday school [Christmas program](#) is December 8, 10am service. If you would like to be a part of it or help out, contact Susie Boland (fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

NURSERY is available on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services (babies - pre-K.). It is located up the steps, inside the preschool room, closest to the church. Sign your child in and grab a pager.

ART AND MUSIC CONCERTS COMING UP!

Christmas Tinsel & Tunes (December 6, 6pm)

Join us for an evening of Christmas fun! With Christmas music (Michelle Lum & Micaela Lum), cookies, carols, Christmas story for kids (and everyone) by Pastor David and the tree lighting. All ages are invited to kick off the season with us.

Art Gathering/Harpsichord Concert (December 13, 6:30pm)

A special art gathering this December and the debut of our new Christmas artwork! Join us for an opening reception of our art installation along with a harpsichord concert by Micaela Lum and other guest musicians.

Mark your calendars now for these don't miss events! Invite a friend to join you.

STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU! Members and friends, thank you for filling out a "Time and Talent Sheet" and "2025 Pledge Card." You are the ones who make our ministry go!

PLANNING SURVEY INSERT - If you have not completed one online, please complete one today. Pick it up at the Welcome Table and place it in the offering boxes. Thanks for helping out!

ART BUILD DATE - Join the art ministry to create Christmas artwork! If you like origami, this project is for you! Supplies/instructions provided. Next build date: Nov. 21 at 1pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE and luncheon for Irene McDonald's husband, Alex - Thursday, Nov. 21, 11am.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING: November 22-24. Youth Director Paige leads our group who join hundreds of other kids at the Great Wolf Lodge Waterpark. Questions - youth@mygloriadei.org.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP - Wed., Nov. 27, 7pm. We pause to give thanks. Offering collected for World Hunger and Disaster Response (Hurricane Relief). Pie served following worship.

WOMEN'S FASHION SHOW! All women and girls are invited - Saturday, December 7, noon - 3pm, Bankson Hall. Cost: \$20. More details at the Welcome Table. Sign-up.

GIVING TREE - Supporting 2 groups: *Foster All* and students in need at *Dana Hills High School*. Please take a tag and return a gift card to church (offering box or to the office.) No need to wrap it. Thanks!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOOKLETS - are available at the Welcome Table for those who don't give electronically. They are arranged alphabetically. Please pick yours up!

L & L (Lunch and Learn): Dreams and the Christmas story (& *Christmas Carol*) with Dr. Melody Bacon. Sunday, December 8, 11:15am. See the sign-up at the Welcome Table.

PRIME TIME SENIORS - Sherman Library & Gardens outing on Wednesday, December 11. Lunch reservations are at 12pm, and a one hour docent tour is at 1:15pm. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

SENIOR HIGH SERVERS - Saturday, December 14, 6pm - Chow and Cookie decorating at Gloria Dei. Come enjoy some food and decorate cookies for the season.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - December 15, at 4pm. Meet at the church and we will go to various "shut-in" member's homes & area assisted living facilities. Join the fun & come sing to spread Christmas cheer! More details coming soon.

MEMBERSHIP PHOTO DIRECTORY - Pick up one at the Welcome Table (only for Gloria Dei purposes). If interested in receiving a PDF copy, reach out to Carol Weinhardt at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

DEI-LY UPDATES -To stay up to date, Gloria Dei sends out a weekly email. This is an efficient way to get out information. Contact the office or go to the website: mygloriadei.org to sign-up.

GRIEF HEALING GROUP - Knudson Hall, 1pm, Thursdays with Deacon Daneen. Flier at Welcome Table.

PRAYER SUPPORT - If you would ever like extra prayers, join Deacon Daneen after each morning service by the Prayer Candle Station.

OFFERING - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- OC Tremble Clefs Concert at Gloria Dei (December 14, 3pm)
- Christmas Eve Worship (December 24, 4pm, 5:30pm, 10pm)
- Alzheimer Resources L & L (January 19, 2025)
- Women's Bunco (January 24, 2025)
- New members received (January 26, 2025)
- Prime Time Seniors Docent Ancient World Tour at The Nixon Library (February 13, 2025)
- Celebrating Life Community Health Center (CLCHC) Health Job Fair L & L (March 2, 2025)
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)
- Women's One Day Retreat (March 22, 2025)
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8, 2025)
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20, 2025)