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**November 16, 2025**

**11:00am**

**Tower Chimes**

**Janet Cook**

**Music to Gather: “Llanfair” Edward  
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**\*Welcome**

## **Call to Worship based on Psalm 104**

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.

**All: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.**

One: You stretch out the heavens like a tent; you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;

you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

**All: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.**

One: You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal.

**All: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

One: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

**All: Praise God! Hallelujah! Amen!**

## **Hymn #18 “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”**

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! Today we come into the holy presence of the Lord with joyful hearts. Let us profess our unending need for Jesus in our lives!

**All: Holy God, you make all things new! Here we stand at the end of another year, with the leaves falling and dying, and the animals retreating to their burrows. It can feel depressing to us as the days sunlight grow shorter; but then we remember that you make all things new! In the same way that you will renew the earth in springtime with the sprouting of wonderful greens, you renew us! Thank you God for your love, help us to be good stewards of creation and of one another. Amen.**

Confession Response 🎵 Hymn #336, Verse 1

**Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face,**

**Here would I touch and handle things  
unseen;**

**Here grasp with firmer hand the-eternal  
grace.**

**And all my weariness upon you lean.**

### Words of Reassurance

One: Beloved, even when we lose heart, we must remember that God is always with us. The love of Jesus Christ goes before us and surrounds us.

**All: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”**  
2 Corinthians 5:17

Response to Words of Assurance: 🎵 Hymn #609, v3

**O long-expected dawning, come with your cheering ray!**

**Yet shall the promise beckon and lead us not astray.**

**O sweet anticipation! It cheers the  
watchers on**

**To pray, and hope, and labor till Christ's  
new realm is come.**

Scriptures                      Becky Bronfenbrenner

Reading 1:                      Luke 21:7-19 page 851-852

Congregational Response 🎵 (aka prayer for  
grace)

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

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***Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.***

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

Children's Moment

Sermon: "Apocalypse Now"

Rev. Alan Kramer-Moyer

## **Hymn #503..... “O Savior, Let Me Walk with You”**

*(Note: Ushers will collect “Prayer Cards” during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews.)*

### **Morning Prayer 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #510 Verse 3**

**Grant us diligence in doing,  
Patience when your truth pursuing,  
Eager to receive renewing,  
God of mercy, hear us.**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Hymn #403... “My Hope Is Built on  
Nothing Less”

\* Commission and Blessing

\* **Threefold Amen**

*Amen, Amen, Amen*

**Music to Go Forth:**

“Praeludium in G-Moll” J.S. Bach

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**No matter who you are or where you are  
on life's journey, you're welcome here.**

**God is still speaking, ...**

**Serving St. John's...**

Rev. Becky Sausser.....Pastor  
Lois Mease... Music Director and Organist  
April Riddick.....Custodian  
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