

Offertory Prayer

Restoring God, Maker of new heavens and a new earth, where sorrow is lifted, and joy takes root. As we bring our gifts this day, may they be seeds of your promised future—an offering of hope, justice, and mercy in a weary world. Use what we give and who we are to proclaim a kin-dom where none are forgotten, where the wolf and lamb lie down in peace, and where the sound of weeping is no more. Let this act of giving remind us that your dream is still unfolding—and that we are called to help build it. In Christ's name, who is our joy. Amen.

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*Doxology UMH 94

*Hymn UMH 368
My Hope is Built

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
[Refrain]

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
[Refrain]

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
[Refrain]

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia UMH 186

Postlude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Clay Christiansen (b. 1949)

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Patty Bellardo's birthday on Nov. 18th by Lou, John, Elizabeth, Christina, Heather, Kyle, Julia and David.

**Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*

Senior Pastor: Burke Owens
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Gerardo Garcia Palacios
Director of Music: Mark Shaull
Organist: Diane Keller
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



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Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

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10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Introit *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* Eugene Butler

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Emily King

*Call to Worship Emily King

Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ,
For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!
 The old order is gone,
everything is new!
 Illness, disease and crying and mourning,
shall be as a distant memory!
 Hatred and war shall cease from the earth,
For Christ has risen! Death is defeated! Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Hallelujah!
Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
 tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 sung by flaming tongues above.
 Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
 mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
 hither by thy help I'm come;
 and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
 safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 wandering from the fold of God;
 he, to rescue me from danger,
 interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
 daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
 bind my wandering heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 prone to leave the God I love;
 here's my heart, O take and seal it,
 seal it for thy courts above.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* Georg Neumark

Scripture *Romans 8:18-28* Bill Davidson

Message *Finding Balance in a Broken Society* Reverend Burke Owens

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Reverend Burke Owens

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, for these gifts,
we give you thanks!

*Lord's Prayer Reverend Burke Owens

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn *Breath on Me, Breathe of God* UMH 420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 fill me with life anew,
 that I may love what thou dost love,
 and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 until my heart is pure,
 until with thee I will one will,
 to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 till I am wholly thine,
 till all this earthly part of me
 glows with thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 so shall I never die,
 but live with thee the perfect life
 of thine eternity.

Invitation to the Offering Emily King