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Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow

25st Sunday after Pentecost, November 10th 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Prelude on "Ar Hyd y Nos" (All Through the Night*) arr. J. Behnke

The Christ Church Ringers

\*Call to Worship

One: Come, all who seek the Kingdom of God.

All: We come with hearts open, ready to receive.

One: See all the good gifts God has offered to us!

All: We see the love we are called to share - with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 60 *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Bre*  OLD 113th

1. I'll Praise my Maker while I've breath;

and when my voice is lost in death,

praise shall employ my nobler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past,

while life, and thought, and being last,

or immortality endures.

2. Happy are they whose hopes rely

on Israel's God, who made the sky

and earth and seas, with all their train;

whose truth forever stands secure,

who saves th'oppressed and feeds the poor,

for none shall find God's promise vain.

3. The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind and sends the laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger in distress, the widow and the fatherless,

and grants the prisoner sweet release.

4. I'll praise my God who lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures.

Opening Prayer

God of life, you show us the way to love - ourselves, others, and you - with our whole lives. You remind us that what we have comes from you, and what we share, in faith, can change everything. Renew us in your grace, that we may live as faithful stewards of your kingdom. Through Christ, who calls us ever closer, amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 146:1-10 (UMH858)

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
    I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes,  
    in mortals, in whom there is no help.  
**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
    on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
    **whose hope is in the Lord their God,**  
who made heaven and earth,  
    the sea, and all that is in them;  
**who keeps faith forever;  
    who executes justice for the oppressed;  
    who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
    the Lord loves the righteous.  
The Lord watches over the strangers;  
**he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
    but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin**.

The Lord will reign forever,  
    your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
**Praise the Lord!**

Music of Preparation *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. K McChesney

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Gospel Lesson Mark 12:28-34, and 38-44

Sermon Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow: True Wealth

Beth Rambikur

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for new life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen

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.

\*Passing of the Peace

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Count Your Blessings* setting by Dan Miller

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory prayer

**\*Closing Hymn**  87 *What Gift Can We Bring* ANNIVERSARY SONG

1.  What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?

2. Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true.

Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

3. Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,

for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,

the Word is our promise always, forever;

we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

4. This gift we now bring, this present, this token,

these words can convey it, the joy of this day!

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,

this song we now offer in honor and praise!

**\*Benediction** 2186 *Song of Hope*

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May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;

singing, share our joy with all;

working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude *Carillon* Louis Vierne

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