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## NOVEMBER 17, 2024

## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand as able (BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds

# THE CHURCH GATHERS

- WELCOME AND <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>
- SILENT PRAYER AND TIME FOR CENTERING

PRELUDE:

\*CALL TO WORSHIP \*\*\*

Eternal God,

Creator of all that is and all that is to come, we praise you. Risen Christ, you who hold the door open for us into this world, and into the next, we greet you, and we listen for your voice. Holy Spirit, you who transform all things, we open our hearts to your presence. Holy One, Breath of Life, Flesh of Love and Bone of Faithfulness, we thank you. You are the turning of the world; you are the Mysterious Unfolding within us. We come to you to worship, to be blessed, to be changed. Alleluia! Come. Spirit of Grace, and transform us according to your will. Alleluia!

## <u>\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 120</u> Your Love, O God

Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow, wide as the wind, and an eternal home. You leave us free to seek you or reject you, You give us room to answer 'yes' or 'no'.

## Chorus

Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow, wide as the wind, and an eternal home.

We long for freedom where our truest being is given hope and courage to unfold.
We seek freedom space and scope for dreaming, and look for ground where trees and plant can grow.
Chorus

But there are walls that keep us all divided; we fence each other in with hate and war.Fear is the brick-and-mortar of our prison, our pride of self the prison coat we wear.Chorus

O, judge us, God, and in your judgment free us, and set our feet in freedom's open space; take us as far as your compassion wanders among the children of the human race.

## Chorus

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## **\*SILENT PRAYER**

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** \*\*\*

Gentle God, we confess that we have left your ways and followed the ways of the world, ways that will fail and not endure. We have fit in with the culture rather than staying true to your Spirit in us. Forgive us; re-root us in your Spirit,

and remake us in the image of Christ. Amen.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE \*\*\*

In Jesus Christ we have been enriched in every way in everything we say and in everything we know.
He is the one who will keep us strong to the end, so that we shall see him face to face on the day of the Lord.

### Thanks be to God!

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST** 

## THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** <u>Hebrews 10:19-25</u> (Pg. 976) *NRSV* 

## ANTHEM Christ is Made the Sure Foundation Arr. Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.

To this temple where we call you, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; Come, with all your loving-kindness, Hear your people as they pray; And your fullest benediction Shed within its walls today.

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son, Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one: One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

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## TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL

## **\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

#### 3048 View the Present through the Promise



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**GOSPEL LESSON:** 

<u>Mark 13:1-8</u>

(Pg.825) NRSV

For the word of God in Scripture, For the word of God among us, For the word of God within us,

### **Thanks be to God!**

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SERMON

"THE DAY!"

## THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

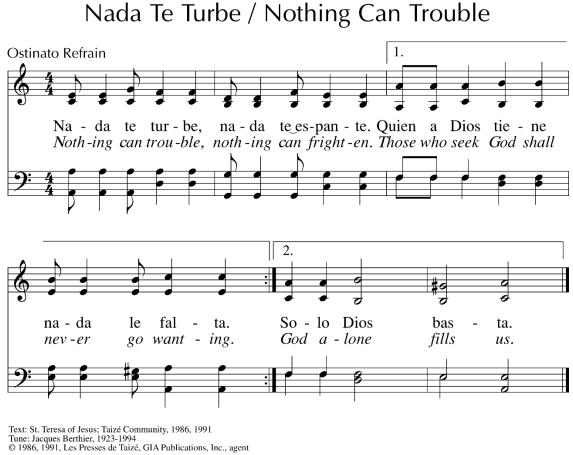
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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### PRAYER SONG



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### SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

#### All: The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG (See Above)

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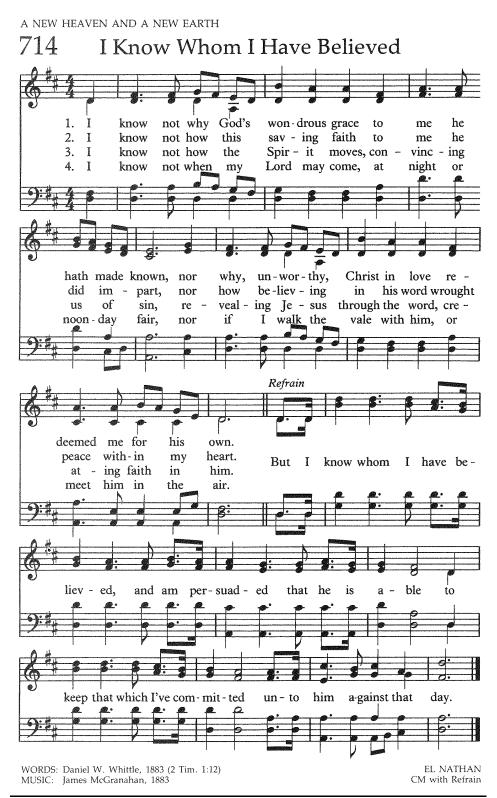
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#### **Offertory Prayer:**

## THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

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### Looking Ahead

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<u>Readings for November 24, 2024</u> THE REIGN OF CHRIST With Dedication of Thanksgiving Donations <u>2 Samuel 23:1-7 / Psalm 132: 1-18</u> <u>Revelation 1:4-8 / John 18:33-37</u>

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