

SIX MILE RUN REFORMED CHURCH

Celebrating God's Diversity

Order of Worship – November 23, 2025 – Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from Him who is and who was and who is to come!
All praise to You, God of all, for Your blessings upon us now,
for Your blessings upon us in the past,
and for the gifts of grace and peace You wait to give us!
To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood,
to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever!
All praise to You, Jesus Christ, for Your great love for us,
for giving yourself to us, and for bringing us back to the Father!
Look! He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him!
Lord Jesus, we look in expectant hope to the day of Your great glory
and wait with eager breath to join with all creation to
praise the King of kings! Maranatha!

*Opening Hymn: *"Come, You Thankful People Come"*

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Words of Assurance and Call to Confess

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed down before Him and are slow to acknowledge His rule. Rather than build a world with no poverty or slavery, with no racism or sexism, with no xenophobia or tyranny; rather than build a world in which all are free and thus can freely come to faith in You, we let our fear control us. In antithesis of all Jesus embodied, we seek to force people into believing in Him, as if cultural Christianity were real Christianity. We turn to other kings rather than the King of kings, and we obey their orders rather than Yours: "Do not be afraid." We give allegiance to the powers of this world that profit by turning the human family against itself, and so we fail to be governed by Your justice and love for all. Forgive us, Lord, as we know You already have in Christ. Raise us by Your Spirit to acclaim only Jesus as ruler of all. In His name we pray. Amen.

Words of Reassurance

*Gloria:

"Halle Halle Halle"

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Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

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*Summary of the Law and Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Peace:

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 your way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

Let us prepare for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scriptures. **Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.**

Scripture: Luke 1:68-79 (NRSVUE)

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
69 He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David,
70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors
and has remembered his holy covenant,
73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

77 to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.
78 Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
79 to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

***Hymn of Meditation:** *"Shout to the Lord"*

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GOD SENDS US OUT

Call to Self-Offering: *Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings*

***Doxology:** *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gathering of Joys and Concerns

"Thanks Be to God" or "Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

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***Benediction**