

Lyall COMMUNITY CHURCH



November 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*The flowers in the chancery
this morning are dedicated to
all those suffering from the
Israeli - Palestinian conflict*

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The Reverend Thomas W. Fiet, Pastor
Mr. Dan Koch, Minister of Music
Our Approach to a Good God

We invite the congregation to a time of meditation and readiness during the gathering music.

Prelude: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, by Anthony J. Showalter

Poem: *To be of Use*, by Marge Piercy

Introit

Welcome All

Hymn #790 *We Gather Together*

Call to Worship (Inspired by Genesis 1)

Leader: And God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind.

People: And God saw that it was all good.

Leader: And God blessed them all, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.

People: And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

Assurance of Pardon and Restoration (Inspired by Psalm 91)

Leader: Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them; God will protect them, because God knows our names.

People: When we call, God will answer; God will be with us in trouble, we will be rescued, celebrated! We will live long lives, and salvation will come to us each day.

Passing the Peace of Christ to every and all!

**Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!*

Choral Anthem: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*, arr. by
David M. Cherwin

Prayer of Confession

The list of gratitude to you is a wide river, O Lord. The currents of your love, planning, direction make for a bountiful life. The gifts you give us flow to us, from us, around us, beyond us. You inspire us, Lord, you are a wonder and fountain of life and largess. How can we ever thank you enough? What kind of lives are possible, given all that you have offered? Amen

Choral Response (please join in!)

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
For leaders and peoples who struggle and serve
With patience and kindness, that all may be led
To freedom and justice, and all may be fed

Chant (please join in)

In our home, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In our home, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #793 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

News from a Good God

Scripture: Matthew 25.14-30

Sermon: Risk Tolerance

The Community Responds

Offering/Offertory: *Simple Gifts*, arr. by Aaron Copland

*Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Hymn #788 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Benediction (Three Fold Amen)

Postlude: *Autumn Leaves* by Johnny Mercer

Worship Participants	
Gathering Music	
Lector	Cat Greenstreet
Greeter/Usher	
Guest Musicians	Rob Murphy, Violin; Steve Sikberg, Guitar; Buddy Griffith, Bass Nick Hudak, Tenor

