

NOVEMBER 19, 2017
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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**Indicates standing as you are able or in spirit.*

GATHERING

Prelude

**Be Still, For the Presence*

Lift Up Your Hearts #532

**God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting*

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Lift Up Your Hearts #581

Jr. Choir—*Shout with Joy* (Psalm 100)

Keith & Kristyn Getty

Doxology

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Nearer, Still Nearer

Lift Up Your Hearts #659:1,2

**Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art.
Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast; shelter me safe in that haven of rest,
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.**

**Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King—
Only my sinful, now contrite heart; grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart,
Grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.**

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather! As we praise you, though, our own inadequacy reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with you. Because we have sinned against you, even our worship fails to be what it could. We often treat it as a show. We simply go through motions, failing to recognize that you want to engage us deeply. Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Nearer, Still Nearer

Lift Up Your Hearts #659:3

**Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine, sin with its follies I gladly resign,
All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride; give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified,
Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.**

Guide for Holy Living

Nearer, Still Nearer

Lift Up Your Hearts #659:4

**Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast;
Through endless ages, ever to be nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee,
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.**

WORD

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 - 1st grade are dismissed for either Children's Church or Worship Center.

**Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness*

Lift Up Your Hearts #766

Nehemiah 8:1-12

Holy Bible, pg.761

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon—*The Importance of JOY in a Troubled World*

RESPONSE

**Rejoice, O Pure In Heart*

Lift Up Your Hearts #353:1-3

Prayers of the People

Offering—*EnVivo Church*

Please pass the friendship folders.

Offertory

**Praise and Thanksgiving*

Lift Up Your Hearts #873:1,3

**Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring
Unto our Father for every good thing.
All together, joyfully sing!**

**May we go out from here sharing God's love.
Help us in coming days our faith to prove.
All together, joyfully sing!**

**Offertory Prayer*

SENDING

**God's Blessing*

**Rejoice, O Pure In Heart*

Lift Up Your Hearts #353:4

**Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

Postlude

Preaching: Rev. Rick Pinckney

Scripture Reader: Jim Mulder

Audio: Dave Ronda

Piano: Sue Vogel

Jr. Choir Director: Sharon Boersma

Prayer of the People: Garrett Saul

Video: Daryl Vogel