

24th Sunday after Pentecost - November 19th, 2017
Stewardship Sunday

**indicates please stand as you are able*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**Centering Song:* “Rain Down”

#48

**Call to Worship:*

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Keep silence before the Lord God!

The day of the Lord is at hand.

Let us worship God.

**Opening Hymn:* “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#687

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love.

Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or

unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When

we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our

privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and

prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that

we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace;

through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Hope:

**When we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our
everlasting God, we grow wise in our heart to God’s commands.**

You are freed to love another, for your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. Amen.

**Sung Response:* “In My Life”

vs. 1 & 4 #468

**Passing of the Peace*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 Collection for Christians at Jerusalem p. 183 NT
Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of the Talents p. 28 NT

Sermon: "Resist Fear - Trust Risk" Paul Campbell (CRE)

WE RESPOND

**Affirmation of Faith:* Brief Statement of Faith 11.4 Screen/Insert

**Hymn of Faithfulness:* "Spirit, Open My Heart" #692

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Printed prayer requests are gathered with the offering and shared during the Prayers of the People.

Offertory: "It's a Good Thing to Give Thanks" Butler

**Doxology*

**Prayer of Dedication*

O God of faithfulness, you are our home and dwelling place forever. Thank you for giving your people a gift beyond all value, the treasure of eternal life. Bless our gifts that we offer you this day. With them may we share your love with others, that all may enter into your eternal joy. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

SENDING OUT

**Church Mission Statement:* (on back of bulletin)

**Closing Hymn:* "Take Us As We Are, O God" #312

**Benediction*

**Closing Sung Response:* "We are Marching in the Light of God" #853

Postlude

Portions of today's liturgy from "Call to Worship" and "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion"

Brief Statement of Faith 11.4

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

