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Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 18/19, 2023

Jon Pedersen, Pastor
Ellen D. Schroll, Minister of Music
David Rhodes, Organist

Prelude*“Gioioso”* (by Tim Waugh)

Allegro Bells

Opening Hymn*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

ELW 834

Confession

Gracious God,

C: We confess that we have shut you out and strayed from the path you intended for us. We have failed to listen to your word and have unjustly judged others. Have mercy on us so that we may live our lives in the way that you have envisioned and lead us on your righteous path. **Amen.**

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Children of God,

We are called to follow the path God has intended for us. Through the death of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, we are forgiven. Rejoice and learn to live in God's grace and mercy, and let it strengthen and empower us so we may go out and serve God and community. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

God of faithfulness, your servant Josiah restored your holy words to a people longing for your guidance. Help us learn your Scriptures so that we might carry your words in our hearts, in our words and in our actions.

Amen.**Anthem***“Search Me, O God by Harry Causey”*

Chancel Choir

Reading:*2 Kings 22:1-20*

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned for thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. He did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying, ‘Go up to the high priest Hilkiyah, and have him count the entire sum of the money that has been brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people; let it be given into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of the Lord; let them give it to the workers who are at the house of the Lord, repairing the house, that is, to the carpenters, to the builders, to the masons; and let them use it to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the house. But no account shall be asked from them for the money that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly.’ The high priest Hilkiyah said to Shaphan the secretary, ‘I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord.’ When Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, he read it. Then Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, ‘Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workers who have oversight of the house of the Lord.’ Shaphan the secretary informed the king, ‘The priest Hilkiyah has given me a book.’ Shaphan then read it aloud to the king. When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. Then the king commanded the priest Hilkiyah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary, and the king's servant Asaiah, saying, ‘Go, inquire of the Lord for me, for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our ancestors did not obey the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.’

So the priest Hilkiyah, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to the prophetess Huldah the wife of Shalum son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; she resided in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter, where they consulted her. She declared to them, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me, Thus says the Lord, I will indeed bring disaster on this place and on its inhabitants—all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. Because they have abandoned me and have made offerings to other gods, so that they have provoked me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. But as to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard how I spoke against this place, and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and be-

cause you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, says the Lord. Therefore, I will gather you to your ancestors, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring on this place.' They took the message back to the king.

L: Word of God, Word of Light **C: Thanks Be to God**

Message

Pastor Jon Pedersen

Hymn of the Day

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 715

Apostles' Creed

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion Distribution

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

ELW 763

"Seek Ye First"

Screen

"Thy Word"

Screen

Sending Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

ELW 545

Sending

L: You have been called. You have been gathered. You have been equipped. Now you are being sent. Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert