First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin

November 15, 2026

Celebration

of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Prelude
Welcome
Opening Sentences (inspired by Psalm 123) Alan Frazer, Liturgist

Lift up your eyes to God, enthroned in the night sky!
Like servants waiting for our Master's command, we are watching and waiting, holding our breath, awaiting God's word of mercy.
God, have mercy! Your people have been kicked around long enough.
Save us from the greedy and arrogant. Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 612 – "We Praise You, O God"**

**The Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

***Prayer of Confession**

Trusting God,
you placed your mission in our hands
and gave us gifts to accomplish amazing things in Jesus' name.
We confess sometimes we've taken credit
for what your love has done.
Sometimes we've called our own desires your will.
Sometimes we've stepped back
and let others carry responsibilities.
Forgive us when we've failed to honor your trust in us.

(pause for silent personal confession)

Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Response (Hymn 447)**

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Discovery

of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Prayer for Understanding

Please pray with me:

God of the generations, the Scriptures are a legacy to us from your faithful people over many centuries. Just as your Spirit inspired poets and prophets, evangelists and epistle writers, send your same Spirit to inspire our understanding of your Word and our response to live by its wisdom, for the sake of Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Zephaniah 1:7-9, 12-18 Pew Bible, page 765

The Word of the Lord! /**Thanks be to God!**

Choral Response **"Celtic Praise"** **Lopez**

All hail the power of Jesus' name with praise before him fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!
Beloved children God has called and ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, we'll crown Him, we'll crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting throng and crown Him Lord of all!
Let every nation join to sing in endless praises to our King.
Come and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him!

All hail the power of Jesus'name, and with praise before Him fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
Come and crown Him, crown Him, we'll crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting throng and crown Him Lord of all, Lord of all!

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:14-30 Pew Bible, page 807

The Gospel of the Lord! /**Praise to You, O Christ!**

Sermon Rev. Dr. David Shelor

***Hymn 697 – "Take My Life"**

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his Only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Doxology** **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Action

for God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Call - ***To creation, to others, to self***

We invite you to consider the ways you are called to serve.

Your generosity helps build God's Beloved Community and change lives.

Prayer of Dedication Please pray with me:

Faithful God, we offer humble thanks today for your generosity to us through the Church that bears Christ's name. Receive our gifts as tokens of our love and loyalty. Use them to sustain the mission of the Church in ways we cannot yet imagine, in a future that you are creating through Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 384 – "Soon and Very Soon"**

***Benediction & Sharing Peace**

***Postlude**

Again, welcome, All! It is good to be together!
You are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshment in Hager Hall.

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are available.
An usher would be glad to help you.

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