

***Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost***  
**November 14, 2021**

*By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean we are  
Christians who seek community that is inclusive of ALL people...*  
Third Point of Progressive Christianity

**ACOLYTES**

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**PRELUDE**

*Timbrel and Dance, by Kevin McChesney*  
*The Canterbury Ringers*

**GATHERING PRAYER**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, source of all that is good, help us to drink  
of the truth found in your Word, that we may  
serve you in faith and reach out in love;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 12:6-7; James 4:8,10*

**A**re not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

**D**raw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

## **HANDBELL SELECTION**

*Make Me A Channel of Your Peace, arr. by Sondra Tucker*  
*The Canterbury Ringers*

## **MESSAGE**

Remembering God's Presence

\*Those who wish may stand\*

## HYMN

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### God's Eye Is on the Sparrow



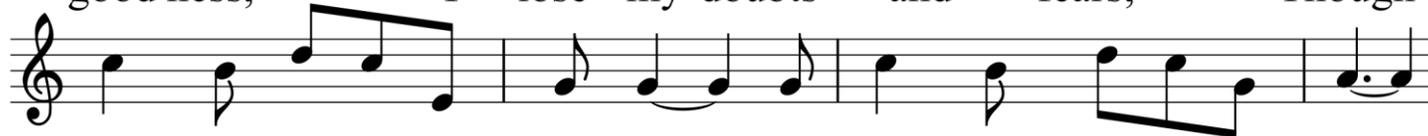
Why should I feel dis - cour-aged,  
"Let not your heart be trou - bled,"



why should the shad - ows come, Why should my heart be  
Christ's ten - der word I hear, And rest - ing on God's



lone - ly and long for heaven and home, When  
good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears; Though



God is ev - er my por-tion? My con - stant friend will be:  
by the path God leads me but one step I may see:



God's eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch - es me;  
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I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free, God's



eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*...ending with 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.**

## **OFFERTORY REFLECTION**

*Please place offerings in the stationary plates located in the  
Narthex as you leave today, thank you!*

## **DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father (*Creator*), Son (*Christ*), and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **BLESSING AND SENDING**

\*Those who wish may stand\*

## CLOSING HYMN

### *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*Those who wish may stand\*

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, on  
Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all your  
earth be found, Fix in us a hum - ble dwell - ing,  
life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver,  
all your faith - ful mer - cies crown; Je - sus, you are  
ne - ver - more your tem - ples leave. You we would be  
all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed  
al - ways bless - ing, love you as your  
love im - part. Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion,  
an - gels love, Pray and praise for your un - fail - ing,  
en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
woun - ed arms out - stretched a - bove.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt; Tune: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1855

## POSTLUDE

*Joy and Elation*, by Cynthia Dobrinski  
*The Canterbury Ringers*

# Today's Service

Rev. Tim Vander Haar	Pastor
Dr. Michael Match	Music Director
John Mattson	Organist
The Canterbury Ringers	Handbell Ensemble
Molly O'Donnell	Acolyte
Vivian Witmer	Acolyte
Rev. W. Brewster Willcox	Reader/Prayers of the People
Steve Kartes	Audio
Blake Filius	Video

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

*Today's flowers are sponsored by Tom Linacre  
in memory of his mother, Betty Linacre.*

*A white carnation is in memory of Betty Linacre who passed away on  
October 28, 2021. Betty was a longtime member of FCC. Our prayers and deepest  
sympathy are with her son Tom Linacre and family.*

*A white carnation is in memory of Jackie Johnson who passed away on  
November 3, 2021. Jackie was a longtime member of FCC. Our prayers  
and deepest sympathy are with her family.*

*Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center for our Thanksgiving Feast  
and for serving on the Member Development Committee.*

*Please feel free to take this worship aid home or place in the recycle container  
in the Narthex, thank you!*

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any time after the conclusion of the service.



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