



PANTOPS

Community Church

The Worship of God

Warm-Hearted Fellowship & Thoughtful Inquiry

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Eleven O'clock

Prelude

Emiko Rugumayo

Words of Welcome

Rev. Margarete Gillette

Call to Worship

Rev. Margarete Gillette

Leader: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

Congregation: We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Leader: Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

Congregation: We celebrate God's love that frames our lives.

Leader: Paul declares that we are justified not through works but through faith in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me!

Leader: Come, behold the love of the LORD, for it is a wonderful thing to praise God!

Congregation: May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives.

* Gathering Hymn

Voices Together #28

Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Blessing of Messy Church

Rev. Matt Roberts

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Matt Roberts

(with unison prayer adapted from Henri Nouwen)

Dear God, I so much want to be in control.

I want to be the master of my own destiny.

Still you say to me:

"Let me take you by the hand and lead you.

Accept my love and trust that where I will bring you, the deepest desires of your heart will be fulfilled."

Lord, open my hands to receive your gift of love. Amen.

Prayer Response

"Let There Be Light" Voices Together #714

Offering Ourselves, Our Gifts, Our Tithes to God

An offering plate is available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Offertory Prayer

Eric Sartain

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children ages 3-8 may leave for Children's Church during the singing of the Doxology.

Scripture Reading

Galatians 2:15-21

Lee Perry

Sermon "Jesus Loves You Like a Broadway Song" Rev. Matt Roberts

The Love Songs of Jesus

* Choral Response “Christ Calls to Me” Choir

*Christ calls to me, but not because I seek,
and not because of any words I pray,
or times that I confess that I am weak;
Christ calls to me because I often stray.*

*Christ welcomes me, but not because I trust,
and not because of merit, work, or deed,
or any claims that I am good and just;
Christ welcomes me because he knows my need.*

*Christ blesses me, but not because I serve,
and not because I share all I possess,
and seek no more than what I might deserve;
Christ blesses me because he wants to bless.*

*I seek, I trust, I serve, because of grace,
a grace that tunes my heart to holy ways,
to live and love within Christ’s broad embrace,
and to become an instrument of praise.*

Announcements Rev. Matt Roberts

* Benediction Rev. Matt Roberts

* Benediction Response Voices Together #847
“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Postlude Emiko Rugumayo

* *Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*



Today’s flowers were given by Joe McDoal and Esther Cash.



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Our Invitation

*You are welcome and wanted at Pantops Community Church.
If you feel called to make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ
or to join in ministry with PCC as a member, please reach
out to one of our ministers.*

Pantops Staff

- Pastor, Matt Roberts •Associate Pastor, Margarete Gillette
- Music Director, Lindsay Hawn •Administrative Assistant,
Lorie Ulery •Pianist, Emiko Rugumayo
- Custodian, Joe Ulery



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