

# Welcome to Worship

## November 17th, 2024

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Prelude                      *Organ Sonata No. 2: Ruhig bewegt* ~ Paul Hindemith

Gathering Hymn              *Soli Deo Gloria* ~ ELW 878

### Prayer of the Day

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading                      1 Kings 17:8-16

*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

Psalm                                  146

Hal- | lelujah!  
Praise the Lord, | O my soul!  
I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.  
Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.  
When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.  
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;  
who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all | that is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;  
who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the | captive free.  
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;  
the Lord | loves the righteous.  
The Lord cares | for the stranger;  
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.  
The Lord shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

*The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

*After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Hymn of the Day

*Take My Life, That I May Be* ~ ELW 583

Musical Offering

*Offertory* ~ John Ness Beck (All Saints Choir)

Offertory Hymn

*Feed Us with Hunger for Justice* ~ ACS 968 (3x)

Communion Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ~ ELW 733

Sending Hymn

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* ~ ELW 674

Postlude

*Organ Sonata No. 2: Lebhaft* ~ Paul Hindemith

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