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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME
*(Visitors are asked to fill out the **Connect** card in the pew rack and place in the offering basket, which is in the center aisle in the back.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP
We come with hearts full of blessings, both great and small.
We come to give thanks for God's goodness and grace.
Like the one who returned to Jesus, may we pause
and recognize the source of our blessings.
May gratitude fill our hearts and overflow into generosity.
Let us worship the God who gives us life, hope, and endless grace!
With grateful hearts, we worship!

*OPENING PRAISE "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"
FWS 2191 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

PRAYER
Gracious God, open our eyes to the many blessings that surround us each day. When life moves quickly, slow us down to notice your goodness. When we take things for granted, remind us to pause and give thanks for the gifts we so often overlook.
Today, we offer special gratitude for our veterans and all who have served our country. We thank you for their courage, dedication, sacrifice, and willingness to answer the call to serve. We remember those who have endured hardship, those who carry the unseen

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burdens of their service, those who never returned home, and the families who have sacrificed alongside them. May they always know that their service is valued, their sacrifices are remembered, and their contributions are deeply appreciated.

Ground us in gratitude, strengthen us in faith, and inspire us to share our blessings generously with others. May we never lose sight of the many reasons we have to be thankful, or of those whose sacrifices have made so much possible.

May our worship today be an expression of thankful hearts, our lives be rooted in your love, and our actions reflect the gratitude we hold within. In the loving name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRAISE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me" screen

MINISTERY OF MUSIC "10,000 Reasons/
Bless the Lord O My Soul"

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SHARING & PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19 N.T. pg. 80
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Grounded in Gratitude" Pastor Carm Evans

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY "Grounded in Gratitude"

OFFERING PRAYER
Generous God, everything we have is a gift from you. With grateful hearts, we offer these gifts as an expression of our thanks and trust. Bless what we give, that it may strengthen our church, serve our neighbors, and share your love with the world. May our generosity reflect the gratitude we carry in our hearts. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY "My Gratitude Now Accept, O God" FWS 2044

*RESPONSE PRAISE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140 (vs. 1)

*BLESSING

Go with grateful hearts, remembering the blessings God has placed in our lives.
We will live with gratitude and share God's goodness.
Let us go with generous spirits, offering our gifts, our time, and our love.
We will be a blessing to others.
May gratitude ground us,
faith guide us,
and God's love surround us
wherever we go.
And all God's people said…
Amen!

*SENDING PRAISE "As We Go"

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Our service is livestreamed; you may appear on recorded videos when in our sanctuary. If you prefer not to be on camera, please sit in one of the side alcoves or the far back right corner as you are facing the front of the sanctuary.

Welcome

Welcome to this community of followers of Jesus. If you are a first time visitor, we hope that you will worship with us again.

- Our offering basket is at the back of the center aisle for your tithes and offerings.
- Supervised childcare is provided for infants and toddlers to age 3 in the Nursery each Sunday morning from 9:15 to 11:00 am. Please see an Usher for directions to the Nursery.
- Prayer concerns may be placed on the prayer chain by sending an e-mail to PrayerRequest@stpaulsumcde.org.
- See an usher if you are in need of the following:
  - **Large print** hymnals or bulletins
  - a wheelchair, one is available
- Difficulty hearing? Hearing aids with telecoils (a "T" switch) can now serve as in-the-ear loudspeakers.

Serving God and Us Today

Liturgist
Ted Dwyer

Scripture
Fran Smart

Ushers
Ray Clowesley, Chris Walther

Sound & Video
Jordan Reid, Jen Scorziello

Open your phone camera
and hold over the code to
follow us on Facebook

Rev. Carmella Evans
Senior Pastor

Jeff Nicely
Minister of Worship and Fresh Expressions

Barbara Barto
Office Administrator

Alejandra Perez
Custodian
