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**TACOMA**



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

## “Getting to the Root”

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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# Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Doug Collins

Prelude

FCC Trio

“Lean on Me”

**Call to Worship**

Dorothy Beeles

*In love, we are gathered.*

*A tapestry of life which God has made with joy.*

*Give thanks to the God who is setting our path.*

*See God in the face of your neighbor.*

*Put away all bitterness and slander,*

*For now is the time for us to work together.*

*Let us worship our living God.*

**Opening Hymn**

“When Morning Lights the Eastern Skies”

1 When morning lights the eastern skies,  
O Lord, Your mercy show;  
On You alone my hope relies,  
Let me Your kindness know.

2 Teach me the way that I should go;  
I lift my soul to You;  
For refuge from my cruel foe  
To You, O Lord, I go.

3 You are my God, to You I pray;  
Teach me Your will to heed;  
And in the right and perfect way  
May Your good Spirit lead.

4 For Your Name’s sake, O gracious Lord,  
Revive my soul and bless,  
And in Your faithfulness and love  
Redeem me from distress.

## **A Time for Prayer**

Pastor Doug

After a pastoral prayer is offered, worshippers are invited to light a candle at a nearby station as we continue our time of prayer.

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

CH 305

## **Community Prayer**

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer**

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

Find this week's responsive prayer insert in your pew.

## **Scripture Reading**

Dorothy Beeles

**Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2**

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **5** <sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**Sermon**

Pastor Doug

**"Getting to the Root"**

**Listening for the Word in Music**

CH 419

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**Call to Offering & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Offering can be placed at the conclusion of our service in one of the two trays located at the back of the sanctuary. You can also give online anytime at <http://bit.ly/fccgiving>.

**Communion Hymn**

CH 419

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**Sharing God's Feast**

communion prayer

musical meditation

FCC Trio

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**Benediction Song & Blessing**

"God Be with You"

**Dismissal & Postlude**

FCC Trio

"Lean on Me"

Worshippers are asked to refrain from congregating indoors.  
We look forward to catching up in the courtyard.

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