



Sunday Worship

November 20, 2022

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

*It won't matter if your turkey is undercooked or even burnt to a crisp.
It won't matter if your pumpkin pie is left untouched by all seventeen of your guests.
It won't matter if you eat so much you don't have to eat all day Friday or all day Saturday.
It won't matter if you are able to gather with your closest relatives or circumstances just don't allow that this year.*

What matter is this – Thanksgiving can remind us that being grateful is a choice. It is an invitation that God gives to each one of us. Scripture teaches us to “Give thanks in all circumstances.”

*Another way to understand that verse is, “Give thanks in the midst of all circumstances.”
What are you thankful for – not about this coming Thursday – but today? Right now. As we turn to God in gratitude, what words come to mind? Allow those words to fill your heart as you turn to worship the Lord our God.*

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #367** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield, wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away; give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home. Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin, there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we know that we forget about you; we forget to love you; we forget to help our neighbors; we forget to thank you. Forgive us. Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you and strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends in Christ: God is abundant in love and plenteous in mercy. Let us delight in God's faithfulness as we remember the good news: **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

****GLORIA PATRI***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 100

SPECIAL HANDBELL MUSIC

Aria

Dobrinski

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #37*** Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

2. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 21: 7-19

SERMON Thanksgiving Into Hope

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

It isn't easy to always give thanks to God. Sometimes life becomes boring – getting up, going to school or work, doing chores, goofing off. Nevertheless – there is meaning and possibility in every day.

Sometimes we just feel blah. We don't know the heights of gladness or the depths of agony. Nevertheless – there is tremendous and fascinating mystery in life and God is to glorify and enjoy.

We make so many stupid mistakes. Always doing and saying the wrong things. Nevertheless – God receives these things, exposes them to God's energies and offers us back new possibilities.]

I don't like to read about all the things happening in the world: killings and war and sorrow. Nevertheless – humankind is even now being redeemed. Eternity is united with the present moment and we are part of it. But I am just one person. It seems impossible for me to do anything. Nevertheless – God uses us to bring about eternal purposes.

God has come. The Word of God has been spoken. With amazement, ecstasy, and joy we are confronted by God.

Living is an act of faith, then. Living means knowing and participating in the pain and agony of life, the confusions, the disappointments and the frustrations, but saying "Nevertheless" – and giving thanks. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

For all the ways you love us, we say THANK YOU!

For the ways you provide for us, we say THANK YOU!

For the opportunity to give, we say THANK YOU!

For the kingdom work this offering will do, we say THANK YOU!

For letting us be a part of your work, we say THANK YOU!

May the thankful words on our lips and the thankful meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS AND FRIENDSHIP (Please sign and pass the friendship pad that is found at the middle-center of each pew)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is 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.

****HYMN #643*** Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: November 20, 2022.

This week's carillon is in memory of Ruth C. Fawcett.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS TODAY: All ages and abilities are invited to sing. Rehearsals will be each Sunday after worship. The performance date is December 18. Contact Leanne Yerkes or Pastor Su if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – ALL ARE INVITED: Wednesday December 7 at noon Parish Life will be hosting a Christmas Luncheon for everyone. A homemade meal will be served followed by carol singing led by Leanne Yerkes and a Christmas story shared by Pastor Su. All are welcome to attend this holiday treat. Tickets are **free** for this luncheon and are available in Fellowship Hall, please sign up on the signup sheet and take your ticket (s) or call the church office to reserve you seat(s). Bring friends!

YOUTH GROUP: Next Youth Group is November 27 at 6:30 PM.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: Help us enhance our sanctuary with a Poinsettia plant. For a donation of \$14 per plant you can help brighten up our Sanctuary. Forms are in Fellowship Hall.

GIFTS FOR DISABLED ADULTS: Once again congregation members are invited to participate in giving gifts to disabled

adults who receive services at Allies, Inc. A list of individuals and their “wish list” items is available in Fellowship Hall on the Christmas tree. Please sign out the gift. Gifts are to be brought to the church no later than December 11.

2023 PLEDGE ENVELOPES: Pledge envelopes are available for pick up. If you are unable to pick up, please call Susan at the church office and she will have them mailed to you. The envelopes do not come with your number this year. When using the envelope please either add your church number you were given or your name so we can correctly add your contribution to your account.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: **This week we are asking for Potatoes, Carrots and Onions.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

Calendar:

November 20	10:00am	Worship Service and Sunday school. Followed by Fellowship and Christmas Music Rehearsals.
November 21	7:00pm 7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 meeting. Bell Choir Rehearsal.
November 23	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch, bring your lunch for a mid-week get together
November 24 -25		THANKSGIVING offices closed

Elder of the Month: Donna Jencks Deacon of the Month: Maggie Realley
Sunday School Teacher: Ruth Squillace Coffee Hour Host: Preston and Carol Eckmeder

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Sally Thiessen,
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Steve Rash, and Nicolas Foster



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