

# Service for the Lord's Day

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 23, 2014

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*What blessings are ours, Mighty Creator! What blessings are ours, Holy One.*

*We voice our gratitude and thanksgiving in every moment of every day, and in every word we utter. Amen.*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

Tim Wasson

### \*INTROIT # 644

*"Give Thanks, O Christian People" (v 1 & 4)*

Cathey, 1984

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

*We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.*

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

*We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.*

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, enter the courts with praise.

*For the Lord is good. We will give thanks to our glorious God for everything!*

### \*HYMN #367

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!"*

Alford, 1844

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who showers earth with rain, who places the stars in the autumn sky, is the same One who wraps mercy tight around us, who feeds us on healing and hope. Let us confess how our silly worries keep us from trusting the God who hears us and restores us to new life. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

### SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious Holy One, you bestow on us an abundance of good things, to enjoy and use for your glory. Yet we hoard your gifts, and attempt to acquire still more for ourselves. We have not trusted your promises, and have not sought your kingdom first. Forgive our ingratitude for all you have given. Forgive our fear that your provision will not be enough. Forgive our failure to be generous with others, even when you have lavished generosity on us. Help us to live in faith, in hope, and in love, for the sake of Jesus – our Lord. Amen.*

## LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, listen and *really hear* the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace. As God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy. In the name of the God of all eternity, we have been forgiven!

**Thanks be to God for healing, salvation, for life and wonder, for mercy and hope forever. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. 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.*

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### ANTHEM

*"Holy Is He"*

Clydesdale

## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95: 1-7

Bibles, p.520 /LG. p.676

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

#### HYMN #647

*"Give Thanks"*

*November Hymn of the Month*

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Bibles, p. 181 / LG. p.234

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

### SERMON

*"Really, Thanks So Much"*

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ, God reveals love by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love." This we believe. Amen.* – *The Confession of 1967* 9.15

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## *Sending*

\*HYMN #37

*“Let All Things Now Living”*

Davis, 1939

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The God of laughter sends you out.

*So we can share joy with all God’s people.*

The Brother of the poor sends you out.

*So we may bring hope and healing to the broken and lost.*

The Spirit of wonder sends you out.

*So we may join all creation in offering thanks, and thanks again.*

\*RESPONSE #37 *“Let All Things Now Living”* (repeat 2<sup>nd</sup> chorus)

POSTLUDE

Selected

(\* Those who are able may stand.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**This week’s prayers and concerns: Jack Clark, Syble DeLoach, Debbie Murphy, Neil Pennal, Peggy Morgan, Tolly, Jane, & Diane Dill, Carolyn Boren, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids for God
Thurs. & Fri. 11/27-28	Offices closed for Thanksgiving	

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