



## **Giving Thanks**



**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

# Gathering

*During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.*

Prelude                    “We Gather Together”                    arr. by John Carter

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader:            Thank the Lord! Let all of us give praise and thanks to God.

**People:            For God is good and merciful and faithful.**

Leader:            God is loving and strong and forgiving.

**People:            God guides us and protects us.**

Leader:            God redeems and renews us.

**People:            Give thanks to God! Let all God’s people give praise and thanks!**

\*Opening Hymn #367 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Poem                    “A Thanksgiving Poem”                    by Paul Laurence Dunbar

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and generous God, the abundance of your gifts is staggering. You are patient and long-suffering even when we are slow to follow you. You are compassionate and tender in the face of our frailties and weakness. Your love is deep and sure despite our repeated failure to love you more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, for being in too big a hurry to notice your goodness or to say “thank you” for your many blessings. We pray in Jesus’ name.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader:            Grateful for God’s steadfast mercy, let us rejoice in the forgiveness that renews and restores us.

**People:            In Jesus Christ, we are made new. Hallelujah! Amen.**

\*Musical Response #652 “A Grateful Heart” vs. 1

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Special Music “In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him” by Lloyd Larson

## The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Psalm 111

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Exuberant Praise”

Hymn #755 “Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

Time for Response to Sermon

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayers**

The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

## Sending

\*Thanksgiving Litany

Leader: God is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the beauty of autumn outside our windows,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the bounty of the earth and the plenty we enjoy,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For family and friends and relationships that nurture and support us,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For a faith community that points us to You,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For music and art, joy and laughter, bread and wine,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For health and life, for color and touch, for creating us in your image,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: Let us with grateful and joyful hearts lift our praise to God.

**People: We thank you, Lord!**

\*Closing Hymn #643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

\*Benediction

Postlude “Now Thank We All Our God” arr. by David Cherwien

*Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.*

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God’s presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

**Rev. Michelle Fincher**, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;

**Calvary Singers**; **Claire Ardoin**, flute;

**Nancy Ulrich**, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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