

November 21, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: For some, this day will be the best of times; for others, it will be the worst.

Pastor: Whether it is the best day or worst day, let us find a reason to give thanks to God.

People: When we are grateful for what we do have, we worry less about what we do not have.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord with joy and thanksgiving.

#HYMN No. #23 We Gather Together

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Generous and loving God, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving we lift up this worship service as a gift of gratitude to you, because we have many reasons to be thankful. Come into our presence now, we pray, and be pleased with our songs, our prayers and our praise. Take away the worries we have concerning today and tomorrow, and replace them with a deeper trust in your providence and loving care. Help us, dear Lord, to be more aware of the blessings we don't always notice, and to be more appreciative, joyful people who aren't shy to express, through our words and our deeds, heartfelt gratefulness for all the wonderful things you have done for us, oftentimes through other people. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray like this, saying...

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

Our Father who art 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, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 100 and Matthew 6:25-33 (Bible pages)

SERMON: So No One Goes Without Rev. Gagnon

#HYMN No. #54 For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Invitation to Pray and Receiving the Prayer Request Slips
 Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
 Organ Response

OFFERTORY

Offertory Invitation
 Offertory Music
 # Doxology (#45 – Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

We bless you, gracious God, for life itself and all the wonderful experiences it brings us. Thank you for feeding, clothing and sheltering us, for reassuring us when we are anxious, and for strengthening us and leading us through difficult times. Dear Lord, receive our praise and our vows of faithfulness through these offerings. May these expressions of our love help further the work of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ within this faith community and outside these sanctuary walls, so that gratitude and thanksgiving to you may overflow from all your people. Amen.

#HYMN No. #27 Now Thank We All Our God

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Thanksgiving Day is a day to express our appreciation for the abundant blessings we enjoy.

People: Thanksgiving Day is a day to remember how very good God has been to us through another year.

Pastor: As we leave this place of worship, let us be grateful for food, family, shelter, and all the ways God has enriched our lives.

People: And let us not worry about tomorrow and troubles that have not even happened, but instead let us give thanks for the wonderful things that we already have.

Pastor: Go in peace and express your gratefulness to God through acts of sharing, caring and compassion.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE