

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: The Lord has provided us with many good things. Some of God's blessings we recognize, and others we do not.

People: God's generosity touches our lives every day, whether we are aware of it or not.

Pastor: The Lord nurtures and feeds us, and gives us shelter from the cold. God shines light in the world's darkness.

People: We praise the Lord for the abundance of His love, and we give thanks to God for every good and perfect blessing we have been given.

Pastor: With grateful hearts, let us worship the Lord.

#HYMN #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. Come into our presence now, we pray, and be pleased with our songs, our prayers and our praise. We confess that sometimes, in this time of COVID 19, we feel like lepers, needing to keep a distance from each other because we are afraid of catching a horrible disease; and that makes it hard to feel gratitude. Even in good times we do not always think about the blessings you have poured down on us. But we can choose to have a different attitude and outlook, dear Lord. It is up to us to be more thankful. Come to us now, we pray, and enable us to see the good things you are doing, even in the midst of bad times. Make us more appreciative and joyful people who find time every day to express, through our words and our deeds, heartfelt gratitude for all the wonderful things you have done. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 17:11-19

SERMON MESSAGE: *It's Up to Us*

Rev. Gagnon

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

We bless you, dear Lord, for life itself and all the wonderful experiences it brings us. Thank you for feeding and clothing us, for providing a roof over our heads to shelter us from the cold, rain and snow, and for helping us make it through these challenging times. Thank you for your miracle of the human body that is able to see beauty, feel joy and heal itself when sick or injured. And thank you for the hope of Eternal Life that offers us assurance and hope even when we are touched by death. Now, gracious God, we gratefully dedicate these offerings as a sign of our love for you and our loyalty to Christ. May our gifts help proclaim the Gospel in this faith community and beyond so that thanksgiving to you may overflow from all your people. Amen.

#27 Now Thank We All Our God

BENEDICTION (Responsive):

Pastor: On Thanksgiving Day it is up to us to give thanks to the Lord for the good things we enjoy in this world.

People: We choose to express gratitude for the love the Lord has shown us every day of every year that encourages us when we face challenges and difficulties.

Pastor: It is up to us to be grateful for the mortal life God has given us now and the immortal life God will grant us in the world to come.

People: We choose to express thankfulness to the Lord for the blessings bestowed on us in the past, that are being bestowed on us now, and that will be bestowed on us for all eternity.

Pastor: Thanks be to God our Creator who will always love us, to Christ our Savior who never leaves us desolate, and to the Holy Spirit our Sustainer who will continually strengthen us and grant us peace.

DISMISSAL