

The Season of Gratitude and Abundance

Sunday, October 15, 2023
World Food Day

Welcoming & Announcements

Centring Music All Who Are Thirsty
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Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle
with the spirit of hope that all will be fed.
**We light the Christ candle in the spirit of love
that all will experience God's abundance.**
May God's blessing be on our time of worship together.

Opening Hymn **All Who Hunger** (Voices United 460)
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- 1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
 holy manna is our bread.
 Come from wilderness and wandering.
 Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 You that yearn for days of fullness,
 all around us is our food.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
 seeker, be a welcome guest.
 Come from restlessness and roaming.
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 We that once were lost and scattered
 in communion's love have stood.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

- 3 All who hunger, sing together;
 Jesus Christ is living bread.
 Come from loneliness and longing.
 Here, in peace, we have been led.
 Blest are those who from this table
 live their lives in gratitude.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer sung *Darryl Nixon*

Anthem I Want To Be a Christian *arr. Patsy Ford Simms*

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings
Matthew 14:13-21

Reflection "There Is Enough"

Hymn of the Day **Bless the Lord** (More Voices 46)
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Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.
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- 1 Remember the kindness of our God,
 who showers us with blessing all our days.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.
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- 2 Remember the justice of our God,
 who stand with those forgotten and confused.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.
- 3 Remember the healing love of God,
 who calls us to be whole and to be free.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.
 Bless the Lord.

Invitation to Offering

Holy One, we offer our gifts to make real your love here upon the earth. In devotion to you, our redeemer, sustainer and creator, we offer also ourselves to your service. Our offering will now be received.

Choral Response **Now Thank We All Our God**

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

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

Parting Hymn

**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
 (Here I Am, Lord)**

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- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest sin
 my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain,
 I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame,
 I will set a feast for them;
 my hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)
Traditional melody, Ireland; arr. Rory Cooney

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership – Glenn Parsons
Greeters – Rosalie Knogler and Donna Loglisci
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Morning Prayer – Blyth Hughes
A Time to Wonder – Ruth Schulz
The Lord’s Prayer – Alan Priestley
Scripture Reader – Peter Hopkins
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Bill Walker
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women’s Group
Flowers are offered by Karen Clark
in celebration of the life of her father, Bill Angell.