

The Season of Gratitude and Abundance
Sunday, November 19, 2023
Teddy Bear Sunday

Welcoming & Announcements

Centring Music Will You Come and Follow Me
Scottish traditional melody

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn **I Can Feel You Near Me God**
(More Voices 48)

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1 I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
I feel you here
I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
Heaven is here.

Refrain And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.

2 I can feel you loving me
yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
always everywhere
I can feel you loving me
yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
I know you're there. *Refrain*

Morning Prayer

Anthem Over My Head *Trad. African American; Arr. Glenn Parsons*

A Time to Wonder The Blessing of Our Friends

New Member Celebration

Presentation of New Members

Bill Samis
Karen Strawn Samis
Melissa Nagy
Leanne Isomaa

Promises and Commitment

Bill Samis and Karen Strawn Samis

Congregational Commitment *(please stand as you are able)*

Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We pledge to you our love and our support.
With God's help, we will together live out,
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

Promises and Commitment

Melissa Nagy

Congregational Commitment *(please stand as you are able)*

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Leanne Isomaa

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Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name

(More Voices 161, v. 1)

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I have called you by your name,
you are mine;
I have gifted you
and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen;
you are mine.

The New Creed

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God.

Blessing and Welcome

Presentation of the New Member Certificates

Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name (MV 161, v. 4)

I have given you a name,
it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit
as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people
they are mine.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

Reflection "The Gospel According to Winnie The Pooh"

Hymn of the Day: **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

(Voices United 664)

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- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

Invitation to Offering

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

(Voices United 236, v. 1)

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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 & The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **The Whole World is in God's Hands**

traditional African-American spiritual

- 1 The whole world is in God's hands.
The whole wide world is in God's hands.
The whole world is in God's hands.
The whole world's in God's hands.
- 2 The itty bitty baby is in God's hands.
The itty bitty baby is in God's hands.
The itty bitty baby is in God's hands.
The whole world's in God's hands.
- 3 Our brothers and our sisters are in God's hands.
Our brothers and our sisters are in God's hands.
Our brothers and our sisters are in God's hands.
The whole world's in God's hands.

- 4 Our friends and our families are in God's hands.
Our friends and our families are in God's hands.
Our friends and our families are in God's hands.
The whole world's in God's hands.
- 5 The whole world is in God's hands.
The whole wide world is in God's hands.
The whole world is in God's hands.
The whole world's in God's hands.

Benediction

Postlude The Winnie the Pooh Song

The Sherman Brothers

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader – Glenn Parsons
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reading – Ron Childs
Greeters – Sue Christensen and Blyth Hughes
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat
Presentation of New Members – Laurie Mueller
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Jiemei Li
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group
Flowers are offered by Barbara Shobbrook
in celebration of the life of her brother Johnny.