

Sunday, October 8, 2023 Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcoming & Announcements

Centring Music This Is My Father's World

by Craig Curry, based on a Traditional English Melody

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hear the sound!

God is calling.

We are gathered.

God is present.

We light this candle to invite the Spirit among us.

In every moment, Christ's light shines.

Opening Hymn Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

(Voices United 245)

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- Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute, praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute. Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square, praise the Lord anytime and anywhere. Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine, praise the Lord in the dark of night, praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light. Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill, praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.
- Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string, praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing. Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon, praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon. Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, praise the Lord in the time of joy, praise the Lord every moment, nothing let your praise destroy. Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, praise the Lord in your work or play, praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Morning Prayer

Anthem Look at the World

John Rutter

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings (Lorne Holland)
Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Reflection "Many Thanksgivings"

Hymn of the Day Blessed Assurance (Voices United 337)

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873, alt. Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp 1873

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

Refrain This is my story, this is my song,

praising my Saviour all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.

- Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*
- Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
 watching and waiting, looking above,
 filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. *Refrain*

Invitation to Offering

<u>Choral Response</u> I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus

(Asante sana Yesu) More Voices 188, v. 1 Words (Swahili)and music: traditional song. East Africa English paraphrase and arrangement: More Voices, 2007 English paraphrase and arrangement copyright © 2007 The United Church of Canada.

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Asante sana Ye-su, asante sana Yesu, asante sana Yesu moyoni. Asante sana Yesu, asante sana Yesu asante sana Yesu moyoni. I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord' Prayer

Parting Hymn We Praise You, O God

(Voices United 218)

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Music: Netherlands melody 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser 1877
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- We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
 We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers, through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
 When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.
- With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

 Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing, to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Benediction

<u>Postlude</u> Now Thank We All Our God

Robert J. Hughes, Based on tune "Nun Danket" by Johann Cruger

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins,
Greeters – Bill and Clare Walker
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reader – Lorne Holland
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Jiemei Li
Fellowship Time – 2nd Sunday Brew Crew
Thanksgiving Décor – The Choir
Flowers are offered by Lois Steeves in celebration of the lives or her parents, June and Tom McMahon.