

The Season of Gratitude and Abundance

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Welcoming & Announcements

Centring Music A Wonderful Saviour is Jesus
W.J. Kirkpatrick, 1890

Lighting of the Christ Candle

O God, we have gathered with gratitude for
all that is good in our lives;
Our families, friends and your creation.
We light this candle as a symbol of hope for all.
May all people find abundance in love and hope.

Opening Hymn **Come In, Come In and Sit Down**
(Voices United 395)
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Refrain Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.

2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. *Refrain*

- 3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family.
- 4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. *Refrain*

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *Darryl Nixon*

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Reading
Psalm 119: 100-106

Anthem Thy Word *Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant*

Scripture Reading
Mark 7: 24-34

Reflection "Hidden Miracles"

Hymn of the Day **Called by Earth and Sky**
(More Voices 135, vs. 1, 2 & 4)
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Refrain Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

1 Precious these waters,
endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing,
rivers of rain,
the wash of love again. *Refrain*

2 Precious this gift,
the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit,
blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace. *Refrain*

4 Precious the fire
that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion,
sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one. *Refrain*

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response **Now Thank We All Our God** (Voices United 236, v. 1)

*Words: Martin Rinckart ca. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth 1858, alt., Fr. Tr.
Flossette du Pasquier 1950 rév.
Music: John Crüger 1647*

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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

Parting Hymn **We Are Marching** (Siyahamba) Voices United 646

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1 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

2 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

3 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Benediction

Postlude

Day by Day

Stephen Swartz

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership – Glenn Parsons and the Band
Centring Music – Lynn Dennis
Greeters – Rosalie Knogler and Donna Loglisci
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Moira Dennis
Morning Prayer – Deanna Bertelsen
The Lord’s Prayer – Alan Priestley
Scripture Reader – Clare Walker
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Peggy Dayton
Spirit Kids Program – Moira Dennis
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Bill Walker
Fellowship Time – Men’s Breakfast Group