

­­­Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | November 26th 2023

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Songs for Thanksgiving*

arr. Nielson and Young

Kathy Ferguson, piano; Janet Tolman, organ

**\*Call to Worship:**

One: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

**All: We give thanks to God for friends and fellowship, for time together and apart.**

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**All: We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care.**

One: Let us come into God’s presence with grateful praise!

**All: Come! Let us worship God together!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** 102 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

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 mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.  
2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next.  
  
3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

**Opening Prayer:**

**God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for Your abundant life. We bring to You all that we are, all that we have been, all we hope to be, and ask that You meet us here. Sustain us, nourish us with your word, renew us with your living water. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer written by Rev. Bonnie Tarwater in Spiritual Hunger and Thirst for God.*

Scripture Lesson Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God’s presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord’s;

we are the people of God,

the sheep of God’s pasture.

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving,

And God’s courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God’s name!

For the Lord is good;

God’s steadfast love endues forever;

God’s faithfulness to all generations.

**Music of Preparation** *Jesus, the King*

Lloyd Larson

The Chancel Choir

**Scripture Lesson** Romans 12:1-8

Sermon Be Transformed

Rev. Dr. Bob Kuyper

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession:

**God of Grace and God of Glory we are shaped by Your own hands and placed on this earth to be a holy and living sacrifice by using our gifts to the fullest. Your grace allows us to speak truth, to minister, to teach, to encourage, to give, to be compassionate, to lead. Yet we do not pay attention to our gifts. We forget that we are in this world as your hands and feet. We profane our lives and ridicule others. Redeem us, O Lord. Remind us that we are the body of Christ in this world. Lead us back to you so that our lives are worship lived vividly and transformed in you. Amen.**

All: God has conquered sin and death forgiving us all

through Love and Grace

Leader: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, amen!

The Lord’s Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation Offering

Offertory *Come, Ye Blessed*

John Prindle Scott

John Neve, solo

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all*

*Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Sending Hymn 3128 *Whatever You Do*

CRADLE SONG

1. “What ever you do to the least ones of these, I tell you in truth that you do unto me”! Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn a new that when we serve others, we also serve you.

2. When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end when those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,

when thirsty ones whisper, “O Lord, where are you? we hear, in their longing, that you’re calling, too.

3. In prisons and jails, Lord we find a surprise: we see you on people whom others despise. At hospital bed-sides we offer a prayer and find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

4. When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands and offer our hearts there, and offer our hands, we notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace; we see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

5. “Lord, when did we see you”?

Your teaching is clear that when we serve others, we’re serving you here.

And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain, then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

\*Benediction

**May God’s peace follow wherever you go, guiding and guarding, so that you may live in joy and thanksgiving with God, self, neighbor, and all creation. Amen**

**Postlude**  *To God Be the Glory*

arr. Whitworth

Kathy Ferguson, piano; Janet Tolman, organ

Liturgist: Michael Edwards

Stephen Minister: Susan Schreiner

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