



*Blessed to Be a Blessing*  
November 22, 2020

## **Welcome & Announcements**

Good morning! Welcome to worship on this Thanksgiving Sunday!

- Advent begins next Sunday and we'll begin our Advent series, *Incarnation* based on the book by Adam Hamilton.
  - Books are available for purchase \$12 ea
  - Zoom sessions are available on Sundays at 11 a.m., and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- During Advent join Pastor Suzanne for a daily devotion and lighting of the Advent Candle
- If you need something from the church office, please call to make arrangements as the office is currently closed to casual traffic.

## **Call to Worship**

In deep gratitude we come to worship God,

**recognizing God as the source of all goodness.**

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

**love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.**

And so we worship with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

**Let us worship together in a spirit of thanksgiving.**

## **Opening Hymn**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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.

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.

## **Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer**

## Offering of Gifts

On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we remember all that God has done for us.

### Hymn:

#### *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
 Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
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 Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, our Lord.

And now, let the weak say "I am strong." Let the poor say "I am rich  
 Because of what the Lord has done in us."  
 And now, let the weak say "I am strong." Let the poor say "I am rich  
 Because of what the Lord has done in us." Give thanks, give thanks.

## Generosity Moment

### Scripture

John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages<sup>[b]</sup> would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they<sup>[c]</sup> sat down, about

five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message**                    *Accepting the Blessing; Offering to Bless*

**Closing Hymn**                    *What Gift Can We Bring*

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
 What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
 When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
 What song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
 Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
 Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
 For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

**Sending Forth**