

Order of Worship November 22, 2020 Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting Dan Uscinski

Give thanks and bless God's name;

For God's steadfast love endures forever.

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

O Lord, open our eyes

And we shall declare your praise!

Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Opening Prayer Cheryl Williams

Bounteous God,

you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us.

We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives--

with love, hope, friends, our church,

and so many other things that we cherish.

Help us be a blessing for others--that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love.

Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt,

peace where there is strife.

love where there is discord.

These things we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Special Music Let Us Give Thanks! Barrett/Nix

Celebration Singers

Scripture Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^[a] toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.
¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart

enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God^[D] put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Sermon Laura Bishop

Special Music

With a Voice of Singing
Chancel Choir

Shaw

Offering Testimony

Thanksgiving Litany

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so we lift our hearts up to you, God, in praise and thanksgiving.

As we count our blessings, and acknowledge your goodness, our hearts go out to those who do not have, and who are in need.

We thank you for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators and ask that you supply the needs of those who are hungry.

We thank you for jobs that provide for our families and supply the needs of our society, and pray that you would care for those who have no work, or the dignity and purpose it brings.

We thank you for opportunities and choices, for meaning and challenges, and pray that you would give a sense of purpose to those who feel trapped.

We thank you for family and friends who love us and care for us and pray that you would befriend those who are alone.

The abundance of the harvest is a symbol of the abundance of your love in our lives. May we live in a spirit of gratitude to you and generosity to our neighbor.

Loving God, in this season and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart, so that we may acknowledge you as the giver of all that is good in our lives.

In the name of Jesus we ask it.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Thank You, Lord

Benediction

Postlude Obra de falsas cromáticas de 1º tono Anon. 17th Century

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