



# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

## A CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING



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### OPENING SENTENCES

One: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;

**All: The world and those who dwell therein.**

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** | Simple Gifts Rafi Shah-Bozeman, violin arr. K. L. Phillips

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather with thankful hearts, for all good gifts come from God.

**All: We sing praises for the earth's richness and the rhythms of the seasons.**

One: In the harvest's bounty and our fellowship, we see the abundance of God's love.

**All: Together, let us lift our voices in joyful thanksgiving.**

One: For the beauty of creation, the love of family and friends, and the gift of community, we give thanks.

**All: Let us worship God with joy and gratitude, for in God we find our hope and sustenance.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Stand with the choir at the end of the organ introduction)*

+ HYMN #336 | We Gather Together

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your grateful children. We have taken the gifts of your creation for granted, and we have failed to be stewards of your abundance. We have neglected to feed the hungry, to welcome the stranger, to care for the creation, and to share our bread with the poor. Forgive us, God, for these and all our sins. Empower us to serve you with joy and thankfulness, for the sake of the healing of the world, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE #447      ***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** | Marsha Biven

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** | Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 165)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fetke

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** | James 1:17-27 (Pew Bible, New Testament p. 229)

The Spirit speaks to the church today. **Thanks be to God.**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** | from A Declaration of Faith (PCUS, 1977)

**We believe in one true and living God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love. Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.**

+ **HYMN #367** | Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** |

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

(EACM's November Needs: broth, toilet paper, canned fruit, chili beans, mixed canned vegetables, rice and instant rice)

**OFFERTORY** | For the Beauty of the Earth                      John Rutter

+ **DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.***

Give online:

***Praise Christ, all people here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore.***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ **HYMN #643** | Now Thank We All Our God

+ **CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** | Now Thank We All Our God                      Johann Sebastian Bach

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Our Concerns: Dee Hoge, Connie and Tom Kneppshield

*Prayer concerns will remain on our list for a month unless an update is provided to extend the request.*

