

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

**Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Guest Preacher:** Pastor Trevor Tristram

**Music Director:** Victoria Warwick

**Reader:** Sandra Flint

**Tech Team:** Glenn Erwin, Gabriela and Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

**WELCOME AND CALL TO THE GATHERED**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND**

**HYMN MEDLEY: VU #516 "Come, you Thankful People, Come"**

1. Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home!  
All is safely gathered in, safe before the storms begin;  
God, our maker, does provide for our needs to be supplied:  
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.
2. All the world is God's own field, harvests for God's praise to yield;  
wheat and weeds together sown, here for joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:  
Harvest-giver grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For our God, one day, shall come, and shall take this harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day all offences purge away;  
giving angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.
4. Even so, God, quickly come to your final harvest-home!  
Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there forever purified, in your presence to abide:  
come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home.

**VU#227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**OPENING PRAYER:** read by Sandra Flint

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:** As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that God is in us and in our world.

**SUNG RESPONSE: MV#21 "Open Our Hearts"**

Open our hearts. Open our minds. Open our lives to you O loving God. Open our hearts.

## **THEME CONVERSATION:**

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 100

### **HYMN: VU#822 "Psalm 100" (All People That on Earth Do Dwell)**

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing out your faith with cheerful voice;  
delight in God whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice.
2. Know that there is one God, indeed, who fashions us without our aid,  
who claims us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.
3. Enter the sacred gates with praise, with joy approach the temple walls.  
Extol and bless our God always as people whom the Spirit calls.
4. Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure;  
whose truth at all times firmly stood and shall from age to age endure.

## **SERMON:**

### **GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** "Song of Joyful Thanks" sung by St Paul's choir

### **SUNG RESPONSE: MV#182 "Grateful"**

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER** read by Sandra Flint

### **CLOSING HYMN: VU#310 "God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty"**

1. God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew;  
with your Spirit recreate me pure, and strong and true.
2. Like your springs and running waters, make me crystal pure;  
like your rocks of towering grandeur, make me strong and sure.
3. Like your dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free;  
like the straightness of the pine trees let me upright be.
4. Like the arching of the heavens lift my thoughts above;  
turn my dreams to noble action, ministries of love.
5. Like the birds that soar while singing, give my heart a song;  
may the music of thanksgiving echo clear and strong.
6. God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew;  
keep me ever by your Spirit pure, and strong, and true.

## **COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

### **SUNG BLESSING: "Go In Love"**

Go in love; have no fear. God will guide you, God is always near. Go in love; take God's hand.  
God will hear you, God will understand. May God's light forever shine upon you; may God's peace be  
always in your heart. Go in love; face each day. God will lead you, God will show the way.  
Go in love and live in faith. Amen.