Peace United Church of Christ
Thanksgiving Lessons & Carols
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10:30am



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Prelude *Sonata in a minor for cello*, Antonio Vivaldi

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

*Call to Worship from Psalm 100 Sage Johnson, reader

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing!
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God, bless God's name!
One: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,
And God's faithfulness to all generations.

*Song *Now Thank We All Our God* #419, *New Century Hymnal*

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 parents' 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.

All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,
To Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore.
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for the life-sustaining gift of water–
At the dawn of creation your Spirit swept across the swirling of the deep;
In the days of Noah you washed away evil from the face of the earth;
In the time of Moses you led your people through surging sea to freedom;
By the rivers of Babylon you heard our cry and brought us home at last;
In the waters of the Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit.
We give thanks for the water of baptism:
Through this water, you deliver us from brokenness and death, and you invite us to share in Christ's life-giving resurrection.
Pour out your Holy Spirit among us now.
Refresh us, renew us, restore us by your grace, so that we may live faithfully as the beloved people you have claimed in Jesus Christ. All praise, honor, and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Story for All Ages Amanda McElray Hunter

Sending the Children

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves

Thanksgiving Lessons & Carols

Invitation

Song *God, We Thank You for Our People* #376, *New Century Hymnal*
v. 1 and 2

God, we thank you for our people, roots dug deep within the soil,
hardy spirits, rich in loving, strong for struggle, bold for toil.
Faithful Rock of generations, you whom parents' parents praised:
Here in hope as we remember may our song to you be raised.

Thank you, God, for gentle pleasure: lessons learned and secrets told,
hopes and memories saved as treasure, passed to young ones by the old,
Pranks and glories, songs and stories, food by loving hands prepared.
God, we bless you for your presence in our tears and laughter shared.

Reading *Perhaps the World Ends Here*, Joy Harjo Darlene Leafgren, reader

Song *God, We Thank You for Our People* #376, *New Century Hymnal*
v. 3 and 4

Still we must confess before you, sometimes, Savior, we have failed;
though we worship and adore you, sometimes love has not prevailed.
Tempers racing, devil chasing, hearts estranged by ice or flame
You transform by ways forgiving. Grace amazing! Grace, your name!

By your Spirit of creation keep us bold for risking still,
eager in anticipation, ever strong to do your will.
Bind us close to one another, sharing life and death and birth,
Welcoming as sister, brother, all your children on the earth.

Reading excerpt from *South Side, Soft Side*, Junauda Petrus Betty Greene, reader

Choir Anthem *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* Jennifer Boyle
arr. Moses Hogan

Reading Psalm 65 Cindy Macaulay, reader

Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;

you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
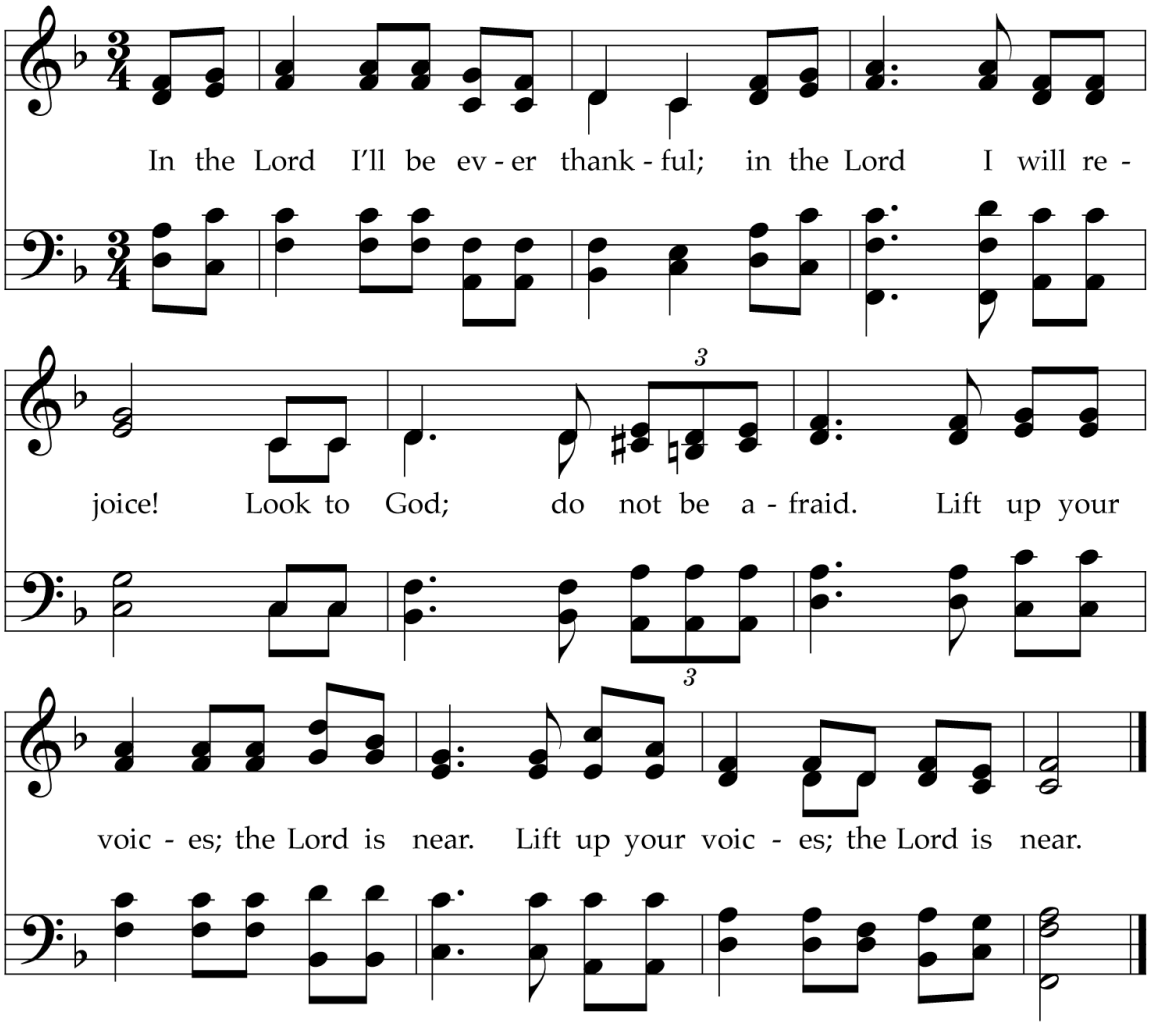
You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.

Song *In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful*



Reading Luke 17:11-19 Mike Swanoski, reader

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the

other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Reflection — Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Community Prayers and the Prayer of Jesus from *A New Zealand Book of Prayer*

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Choral Amen

Sharing Our Gifts — *Simple Gifts* — #31, *Praise & Worship*

'Tis the gift to be simple,
'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
It will be in the valley of love and delight.
Refrain:
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'Til by turning, turning we come round right

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song — *For the Beauty of the Earth* — #28, *New Century Hymnal*

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none excludes,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

*Postlude

Assisting in Today's Service:
Julie MacKenzie, and Kris, Carol, Grace, Axel, and Sage Johnson, Ushers
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Thanksgiving is about more than turkey, folks! Gratitude is a core Christian practice. Join to learn more about the scriptural basis for gratitude, share your own gratitude, and learn how gratitude practices can transform your own life.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, November 24, 6:30pm

Join our wider community in the Fellowship Hall at Peace UCC from 4:00-6:00pm for a community Thanksgiving meal hosted by Neighborhood Youth Services. Then head upstairs for our community interfaith Thanksgiving service at 6:30pm, featuring a mass choir, readings shared by local clergy, and an offering received for Neighborhood Youth Services and Chum.

Office Closed Thursday, November 26

The office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26. Staff will be back on Monday, November 30.

Advent is just around the corner!

The Advent Workshop (in which we make wreaths and other seasonal crafts) is on Sunday, November 29 at 9:30am! This workshop is a lot of fun every year. Last year we began switching to reusable metal advent wreath bases to be more environmentally friendly. If you have a base from last year, please bring it back to add to the supplies. Also, we will need greenery for the wreaths! If you are able to harvest some greenery from your backyard, neighborhood, the Christmas tree farm you visit, etc., please bring them this week – there will be a clearly labeled collection bin/area outside the office.

Peace Church Giving Tree

With Christmas coming, it is time for our annual Giving Tree. This year we are helping Life House and Grandmothers for Peace. Please stop by the Giving Tree in the Narthex and grab a slip of what items they are requesting. All donations need to be dropped off in the office by Sunday, December 6.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 23

9:00am Yoga with Robin in the Fireside Room and Zoom
5:00pm Making Meaning Out of Malignancy in the Fireside Room and Zoom

Tuesday, November 24

4:00pm Neighborhood Youth Services Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Peace Church

Wednesday, November 25

No Wednesday Night Activities
8:30am Chum Breakfast Making in the Kitchen

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving – Office Closed

Saturday, November 28

9:30am Advent Decorating in the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 29

8:30am Worship with **Holy Communion. Sermon** by **Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis**
9:30am Self-Serve Coffee in the Narthex
9:30am Forum: Advent Workshop in the Fellowship Hall
10:00am Childcare Available in the Nursery
10:30am Worship with **Sermon** by **Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis. Special Music** by **Wendy Durrwachter**. **Children's Church** by **Amanda McElray Hunter**
11:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall