

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



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Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

*Call to Worship from *Psalm 100*

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 *Come, O Thankful People, Come* #422 NCH

***Come, O thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
 all is safely gathered in as the winter storms begin;
 God our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied;
 come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.***

***All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield,
 all the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky,
 All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
 all that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'erflowing stores,
 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow;
 and for these our songs we raise, grateful vows and solemn praise.
 Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
 come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving from *The Book of Common Prayer*

Let us give thanks to God for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, God.

For all that is gracious in the lives of people, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, God.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, God.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, God.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, God.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, God.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, God.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, God.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To Christ be praise and glory, with you, O God, and the Holy Spirit, 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 abound!***

Song

The Lone, Wild Bird

#31 P&W

***The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with you, nor leaves your sight.
And I am yours! I rest in you,
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.***

***The ends of earth are in your hand,
the sea's dark deep and far off land.
And I am yours! I rest in you,
Great Spirit, come, rest in me.***

Reading

For This I Am Grateful, Daniel Ennis

Choir Anthem

In Meeting we are Blessed, Troy D. Robertson

Reading

Thanksgiving: A Native American View, Jacqueline Keeler

Song

The Canticle of the Turning v.1 & 4

***My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait!
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest, could the world be about to turn?***

Refrain:

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn,
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near and the world is about to turn!***

***Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast,
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp!
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God who is turning the world around.***

Refrain:

Reading

Psalm 9

p. 466, NRSV

Song

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

Reading

Mark 4:30-32

Laurie Berner, reader

p. 36, NRSV, New Testament

Reflection

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Community Prayers and the Prayer of Jesus as reimagined by Bee Lake

**Forever Oneness,
who sings to us in silence,
who teaches us through each other.
Guide my steps with strength and wisdom.
May I see the lessons as I walk,
honor the Purpose of all things.
Help me touch with respect,
always speak from behind my eyes.
Let me observe, not judge.
May I cause no harm,
and leave music and beauty after my visit.
When I return to forever
may the circle be closed
and the spiral be broader.**

Choral Amen

Sharing Our Gifts

Simple Gifts

#31 P&W

***'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

How Can I Keep From Singing?

#476 NCH

***My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul how can I keep from singing?***

***What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.
What though the shadows gather 'round? A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love commands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?***

***When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?***

***I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am Christ's how can I keep from singing?***

*Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless you and Keep you

*Postlude

Wind that Shakes the Barley

Assisting in Today's Service:

Andrew Cragun, Carrie Kelsey, Emily Ramsey, Sophia Farell, fiddles; Ron Deters, Matthew Prois,
guitar; Ian Connell, bass, Musicians
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