

GATHERING MUSIC: ""

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT – “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name.

Make known God’s deeds among the peoples!

God blesses us with gifts of love:

with food and clothing, home and family.

God blesses us with daily work:

and all we need from day to day.

God protects us in time of danger.

And guards us from every evil.

God calls us into a covenant relationship:

**and forms us into one community,
the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.**

Therefore, shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

HYMN - “We Gather Together” # 336 (verses 1-3)

- 1 We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

- 2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!**

- 3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Great, indeed, is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and greed. Trusting in the One whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, we confess our sins, to God, and also, to each other. Let us pray:

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

God of Grace, you have gifted us with a world of abundance, a land of plenty, a country where all can have enough. We come before you this day to thank you for this prosperity and to repent from our apparent inability to share this wealth.

Righteous God, you hear the cry of the poor. You listen to those who do without while so many spend recklessly. We declare our own complicity in systems that sustain some of us, while forsaking many others. And we come before your to seek your forgiveness, even as we pray for your justice.

Be with us this day, Lord. Hear our prayers. Touch our hearts that we may be faithful witnesses and effective voices for justice. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows and even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, we have been called and claimed by an extravagant God. Through the abundance of God's grace and the power of God's love, our sins have been forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

OFFERING OF MUSIC - "Jubilate, Psalm 100"

SCRIPTURE– Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (sermon text)

SERMON - "*Abundance*" - *Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN*- "Now Thank We All Our God" #643 (verses 1-3)

- 1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
- 2 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 in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CLOSING SONG: "In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful (#654)

**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.**

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan
Susan Dickerson
Hazel Hale
Doug Rathjen
Patrick Cole
Phyllis Garnett-Deakin and
Family

Drew Taylor
Edd Stoops
The Family of Wendi Hamilton
Kelly Wimmer
Mary Lough
Andy Robeson
Bonnie Church

Rev. Brian Miles (pastor, Amherst PC)
The Jones' Family (Susie, J.B.,
Jane, Avery and James)

From our friends at Fairlawn Presbyterian Church:

Carlie McPeake (age 16, tested
positive for Covid)
Bonnie Weddle
Bettie Kirk
The Family of Joyce Walker
Opal Hylton

Pastor Allison Unroe
Drew Taylor
Eli Taylor
All the children around the world
Don Sheffey

Today's musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen
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