

SPIRIT OF GRACE
Service of Thanksgiving
November 20, 2022

*The congregation's parts are in **bold**.*
Thank you for masking while singing to help us worship safely.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Here I Am to Worship

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.
We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.
We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.
We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.
We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.
Amen.

Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME

ELW 693

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants 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,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!
Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

PSALM: Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

READING: Philippians 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana, 20th cent.

GOSPEL: John 6:25-35

Open your hearts and minds to the Good News as it is recorded in John the 6th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who

gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Peggy Rose

HYMN OF THE DAY

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

ELW 838

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

We give thanks for the church in every land and especially for our bishops and pastors. Sustain the faithful with your living word. Inspire radical hospitality toward all who are searching and call us into a more generous way of living. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the earth. Bring forth plentiful harvests and renew our commitment to share abundantly. Preserve the lands and waters that bring nourishment. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for leaders in our communities. Kindle a passion for justice and peace in every national and local elected official. Curb selfish impulses and guide us toward collaborative solutions. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for your healing, Lord, especially of those we name out loud-- bugs B., Deborah, James M., and Leila--and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the Worship & Music Team. Guide our pastor, musicians, dancers, lay leaders, altar guild, tech team, acolytes, and ushers in their creation of meaningful worship experiences. Instill in us a sense of joy and wonder when we come to worship you. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the Diabetic Food Pantry ministry. May God lead Lisa and the team of volunteers to grow this special, unique food pantry with more supporters, more volunteers, and more clients as we continue into our second year. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the Hospitality Team. They thank you, Lord, for our pastor, our faithful church family, and the opportunity to serve each Sunday. May their warm welcome continue to draw our church family and guests into joyful fellowship with one another. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the gifts your Holy Spirit has given us to do your work here at Spirit of Grace, especially through these ministries: All Christians Education Team, Community Action Team, Cover Girls Quilters, the Care Team, the Finance Team, the Building and Grounds Team, the Call Committee, and the Parish Leadership Team. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful who now rest in you, especially Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, pastors in North America, whom we commemorate today. Teach us by their example and bring us with them into your loving embrace. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

BLESSING OF THE THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

**As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament,
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord God, of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; his is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

All are welcome at the table. Hold your hand under the touch-less dispenser to receive the wafer. Return to your seat to eat it. If you would like to receive a blessing only, place your arms across your chest. Please come forward at the direction of the usher.

COMMUNION SONG

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

ELW 689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

SOON AND VERY SOON

1 Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King (3 times)

*Chorus: Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King*

2 No more crying there
We are going to see the King (3 times)

3 No more dying there
We are going to see the King (3 times)

Interlude

Hallelujah ooh ooh ooh ah

Bridge

Should there be any rivers we must cross
Should there be any mountains we must climb
God will supply all the strength that we need
Give us grace till we reach the other side

We have come from every nation
God knows each of us by name
Jesus took His blood and He washed our sins
And He washed them all away
Yes there are some of us
Who have laid down our lives

But we all shall live again
On the other side

Ending

Hallelujah ooh ooh ah (3 times)

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

You Raise Me Up

Presiding Minister: Pastor Peggy Rose
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