

**November 20, 2022: WELCOME EVERYONE!** Whether in sunshine or shadow, through loss and delay; as we go over, under, around and through the obstacles we encounter, we praise God. For those of us that gather in the Base Camp of church community, gratitude is a staple. It is the by-product of our relationship with the Creator and Creation. What have we sown since last we took time to count our blessings? What have we harvested? This Sunday, in preparation for a national day of giving thanks, we share some of the ways Creator's blessing rests on us, so that even in challenge, we live in gratitude. In this Sabbath gathering we will sing, pray, share some stories and say some thanks, reflect, refuel, and refresh our sense of reverence.

PASTOR: Rev. Chris Kliesen Wehrman ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Isiah Dennis

WORSHIP LEADERS: Kathy Webb, PPUMC Choir, Dave Nyberg (Choir Director)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRELUDE Variation on Now Thank We All Our God

Kathy Webb

**WELCOME & CENTERING** 

Breathing ball

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

CKW, Based on Psalm 100 (Message/Good News translations)

ONE: This is the Sunday before the day declared to be: Thanks giving day! How can we confine gratitude to just one day?

ALL: We don't. We live an "attitude of gratitude." That's who we are.

ONE: Of course! Let's stand and declare it together. Thanks! Whether in sun or shadow, ease or toil, in joy or sadness, today and every other remarkable/ordinary day. Psalm 100:

ALL: On our feet now we applaud God!

We bring a gift of laughter and sing ourselves into God's presence.

**Know this: God is God, and God is present.** 

God made us; we didn't make God.

We're God's people, the flock and family of the Eternal One.

We enter with the password: "Thank you!"

We are at home, stranger and friend, talking praise. We thank God. Glory to the Mighty One guiding and creating us. For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love; loyal always and forever. Amen, amen and amen. Let's sing...

OPENING HYMN Now Thank We All Our God UMH 102

SCRIPTURE Gift From Creator Tells the Good Story (Matthew) 5:1-11, FNV 2<sup>nd</sup> Page

REFLECTION Sharing Blessings Pastors Chris and Isiah AND Everyone!

"Vegetable Friends," to be read to close the sharing 2<sup>nd</sup> Page

RESPONSIVE HYMN All Things Bright and Beautiful UMH 147

OFFERTORY & Kathy Webb

DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 84

COMMUNITY PRAYER Reading of prayers and spoken prayers with candles and chime...

Pastoral prayer...

Common prayer... In recognition of Native American Heritage Month we pray Jesus' prayer from the First Nations Version, Matthew 6:9-13:

O Great Spirit, our [Creator] from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day... the corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and all worthless ways. May it be so. [Amen]

SENDING HYMN Rain Down 3<sup>rd</sup> Page

**BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE Kathy Webb

DANCE BREAK: *Gratitude*, Earth, Wind and Fire (1975) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TlSsWhpNmmA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TlSsWhpNmmA</a> 3:27

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