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# Welcome To Worship

November 20, 2022

9:30 a.m.

*"Giving Thanks"*

Rev. Trish Eckert



*Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.*

## ✧Prelude

## ✧Welcome and community news

### November 20

Today is our Annual Meeting immediately after worship  
“Cherished Memories” Grief Group will meet immediately after Annual Meeting

### November 27

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent with potluck after worship and the hanging of the greens

### Weekly Worship Opportunities on Zoom

- Centering Prayer, Sundays @ 6:00 PM  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83099969037?...>
- Sanctuary Time of Belonging Worship, Monday @ 6:30 PM  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82365997382?...>

### Participate in our ministries and make a difference!

Our final informational meeting/orientation for Divine Intervention is Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5 pm in the sanctuary. Come find out more...you don't have to volunteer if you come, but you can't volunteer if you don't. ☺

## ✧Readying Ourselves for Worship ~ SING:

***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!***  
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## ✧Blessing

*Thanksgiving Meditation*– Albert Q. Perry

In this season when we are urged to  
count our blessings,  
let us give thanks:

For storms which acquaint us with  
the coziness of our hearths and  
homes,  
For misfortunes which reveal to us  
the loyalty of our friends,

For problems which awaken our  
imaginations  
and call forth larger efforts,

For conflicts in which we may discover  
the healing power of love,

For defeats which make unavoidable  
acknowledgements of our human  
imperfections,

Even for increasing years and loss of  
strength and all reminders of mortality,  
whereby we are reminded of just how  
fragile and precious is the gift of breath.

Yea, let us give thanks for all the things  
we would not have wanted to happen,  
but without which we would not have  
grown, discovered, lived. Amen.

✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**  
*How Are You as You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?*

~ **The Joy of Passing the Peace** ~

✧ **And the Children Will Lead the Way: Kid's Time**

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme ~ Gifts and Gratitude**

Today we wrap up what has been a rich and enlightening exploration regarding our spiritual gifts and the ways we awaken to them and inhabit them. We've also come to recognize spiritual gifts in others and witnessed to the ways our communities are enriched by sharing those gifts.

In the late summer as I planned this theme, I recognized the beauty of having this bringing it to a close on Thanksgiving Sunday. Let us give thanks for our shared wisdom, and for the love, insight, and ministry that has deepened among us.

This has been a wonderful opportunity to reflect on where we have been and to imagine where we are going. As we enter worship together today, I invite you to contemplate: What are you thankful for? What gifts have you received? Where is the still, small voice leading you next?

✧ **Gathering Hymn "Love"** (words by Rumi, music by Rosie Rain)

LYRICS

*Love came and became  
Like blood in my body,  
It rushed through my veins  
And encircled my heart.  
Everywhere I looked I saw one thing,  
Love's name written on my limbs,  
On my left palm  
On my forehead  
On the back of my neck,  
On my right big toe  
Oh my friend, all that you see of me  
Is just a shell  
And the rest belongs to LOVE*



✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace**

**ALL: Gather us into your heart, O good and gracious God.**

**Gather us into this place called Love**

**Where we can witness the wholeness of your grace**

**Where we can embody the comfort of your mercy.**

**Gather us into your loving arms and pour your Spirit upon us. Amen.**

### ✧ **Sharing Our Innermost Lives with God**

Loving God, each of us has something to give and yet against the backdrop of our personal challenges and the brokenness of our world, it often feels meager and insufficient. Remind us that what we have to give grows exponentially in you. What we can do is offer what we have to each other and to the world. As we breathe and pray and love, may your presence embrace us, sustain us, and embolden us. Amen.

### ✧ **Special Music “Therefore They Shall Come and Sing”**

Sung by Rosie Rain, Peggy James, and Corina Reymer

*Therefore, they shall come and sing in the height of Zion,  
And shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord,  
For wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young,  
for the young of the flock and of the herd:  
And their souls shall be as a watered garden;  
And they shall not sorrow any more at all.*



### ✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching Philippians 4:4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, 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.

Keep 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.

One: May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith and draw from the roots of our tradition.

**All: Thanks be to our God.**

### ✧ **Message: “Giving Thanks” Rev. Trish Eckert**



## ✧ Reflection Questions

- ◇ Do I live with a grateful heart?
- ◇ How do I express my gratitude?
- ◇ Where does joy show up in my life? Do I make room for it?

As we enter a short period of contemplation, I offer up this prayer, which emphasizes deep listening and the ways that silence opens us to transformation. May we be inclined toward the still, small voice.

Help Me Listen  
O Holy One,  
I hear and say so many words,  
yet yours is the word I need.  
Speak now,  
and help me listen;  
and, if what I hear is silence,  
let it quiet me,  
let it disturb me,  
let it touch my need,  
let it break my pride,  
let it shrink my certainties,  
let it enlarge my wonder.  
Amen.



## ✧ Short period of Silent Reflection

## ✧ Sharing Our Wisdom

## ✧ Hymn “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

an a capella chant led by Rosie, Peggy, and Corina and sung by all

LYRICS (repeat over and over)  
*Rejoice in the Lord always*  
*And again I say rejoice!*  
*Rejoice in the Lord always*  
*And again I say rejoice!*  
*Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!*  
*Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!*

## ✧ Community Prayers, Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

- Prayer chain prayers, asking community members to name their prayers
- Pastoral Prayer

- The Lord's Prayer

**All: O presence and power within us, Being and Life of all.  
How we are filled, how we overflow with infinite love and gladness!  
We shall this day sow grace and peace, and show mercy to all, and  
gentle loving-kindness.  
And we shall not be so self-serving, but a constant source of giving.  
For ours is the essence, and the wholeness, and the fullness forever.  
Amen.**

✧ **Benediction**

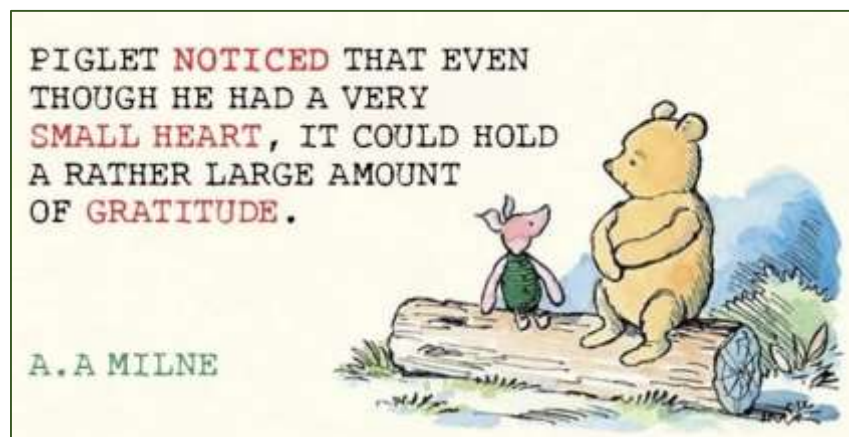
Rejoice in the Lord always!  
Focus your thoughts on all that is true,  
all that is holy and just,  
all that is pure and lovely,  
and all that is worthy of praise.  
And the peace of God—  
peace that goes far beyond anything we can comprehend—  
that peace will guard your hearts and minds  
as you live in Christ.  
So go from here to serve others with confidence and joy.

*Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.*

✧ **Our Response:**

***Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your Word lives on in us.***

✧ **Postlude**



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