Thanksgiving Sunday
October 11, 2026
Gathering Music "*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*" *(VU#663)*




Announcements

Every **Men** are welcome to Erin's "**Coffee Guys**"

Wednesday October 14

@7:00 pm

by Zoom



Light the Christ Candle



We seek God's presence in our lives today.

We seek God's Spirit moment by moment in worship.

As we journey in faith, we strive to move forward in faith.

We will never turn back, except to give thanks. And so we welcome the guiding light of Christ. Amen.

Prelude *“Let All Things Now Living”*



Call to Worship

Welcome, family of God! God has visited the Earth and watered it.

God has provided the people with grain and crowned the year with overflowing bounty. The earth has yielded its increase. Our God has blessed us !

Let us give thanks and praise to God !

Amen.

Hymn VU # 232 *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"*

1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.



2

All your works with joy surround you,
Earth and Heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.



3

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest !
Source of Grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.



4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.



Prayer of Confession

God of arid desert wandering and the unceasing work of abundant harvest, we come here in worship to slow our frenzy, to calm our spirits, and to open our hearts.

Where we have forgotten to notice our blessings, activate our senses.
Where we have been too busy to consider the needs of others, open our hearts.
Where we focus too much on the negative, help us to detect the blessing and beauty in what is placed before us. Cause us to pause with gratitude and thankfulness.

We come today in praise and prayer. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Receive the good news ! The assurance of God's love for you—you are forgiven !

The greatest gift of all was bestowed upon all of us when God sent Jesus Christ, God's own beloved Son, to live with us and to die for us.

So, know that you are loved by God, you are forgiven by the holiness of Christ, and you are assured of that forgiveness always by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

And now we can whisper, "Thank you !" Amen.

Time with the Young People

by Rev. Yun-Hee



Children Song

"Give Thanks"

by Janella Salvador



Musical Offering VU # 540



Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully

Offering Prayer

Triune God, we pray surrounded by family, friends, and neighbours. We bring our offerings to celebrate the goodness of community and all that being community entails. We lift up our hearts in gratitude to become part of the gift that we give. This we pray with sincerity and hope in Jesus' Name. Amen. *(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)*

The Scriptures *read by Derek*

First Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6 – 15

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Second Reading Luke 17:11 – 19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God !


Message by Rev. Yun-Hee
THANK YOU GOD!
✓ Thanksgiving...
✓ Thanksfeeling...

Hymn VU # 291 *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.

2 The purple headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky; ***Refrain***

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. ***R***

4 The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall; *R*

Refrain
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.

5 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. ***R***

Prayers of the People

We bring you, Loving God, our thanks for Monday.

We thank you for all the beginnings of the week: new friendships begun, new tasks to face, new ways to encounter you.

We bring you, Loving God, our thanks for Tuesday.

We thank you for the spiritual aspect of our lives, for prayers offered and the Bible read; we thank you for times of meditation and quiet, when we can listen for your voice.

We bring you, Loving God, our thanks for Wednesday.

We thank you for our faith community here, for members who have become our friends, for worship together, and for those good projects only possible when we share the load.

We bring you, Loving God, our thanks for Thursday.

We thank you for the township in which our church is set and all the ways in which we can serve our friends and neighbours here. Especially we remember and offer a blessing to those who, day by day, share our facility.

We bring you, Loving God, our thanks for Friday.

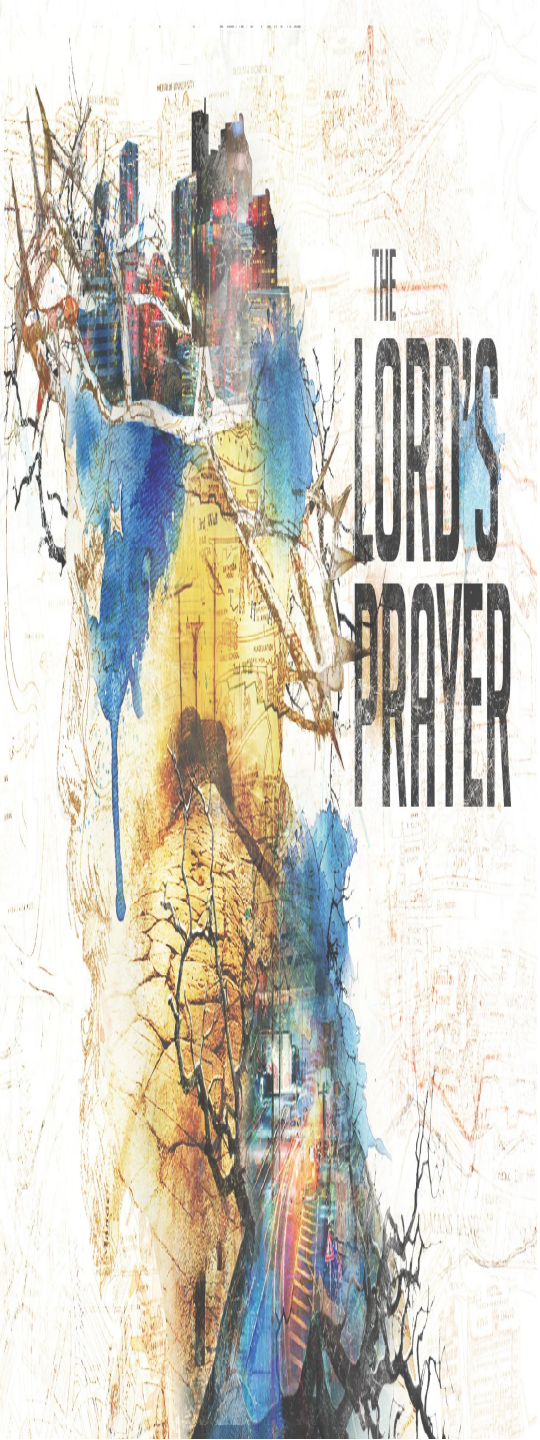
We thank you for those who lead and inspire our faith community. We thank you for those who are obviously active: our Minister, Church Board and Worship Committee. We also thank you for those who care for elderly people and members confined to their homes, those who minister with our young people, and all who quietly do tasks that are hidden but so vital to our functioning.

We bring you, Loving God, our thanks for Saturday.

We thank you for the global scope of Mission and Service. With this fund, people are trained, children educated, and hunger and homelessness addressed. With this fund, powers are faced and injustice conquered.

Which brings us to today, Loving God, Sunday, holy, Sabbath day.

We appreciate this Sabbath space, we appreciate these Sabbath songs, music and hymns, we appreciate this time away from the rough and tumble of the world, even as we give thanks for our small corner of it. Most of all, we appreciate the glorious certainty that in all our days and all the ways we spend them, you are with us and always



HYMN VU # 960

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 them that 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU # 570 *"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"*

1 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

2 Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, 'til I'm gentle too,
'til my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

May God bless your heart with contentment and peace this Thanksgiving.

Truly there is much to be grateful for because of our God.

The blessings of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**



Commissioning



Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there within, around, above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.

God, we thank you for being with us ! And thank you Congregation for worshipping today in person and by Zoom !

Happy Thanksgiving !
We are blessed to have an abundant harvest full of Love !



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