Order of Worship – Sunday, November 15, 2020

PRELUDE Catalina Daggett

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" J. G. Elvey

OPENING PRAYER Landes Dung

We gather today, O Lord of Life, seeking fullness. Not the fullness our world offers, but fullness that comes from you. We spend so much of our lives on things that do not count—things that promise much and give little. Help us now—today—to find fulfillment in your love. May we discover all you have to give, and seek You while we yet have the gift of days. Lift us O God, to a higher plane of living, as we lift our hearts and minds and souls into Your Holy presence. Amen! Make it so Lord! Amen!

OPENING SONG "My Life Is In You, Lord" Landes and Cassel Dung

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Allison

PRAYER SONG "Trust in You" Landes and Cassel Dung

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Allison

God of peace and plenty, with awe and wonder we thank you for the beauty and abundance of our land and its people. Our ancestors came from many lands, for many reasons, but by your mercy they found grace in the wilderness. Your grace has supplied our daily bread without fail. We thank you. Your grace has provided the raw materials of success, as well as the wit and will to use them. Thank you. By your sheer grace we can indulge ourselves in loveliness, steep ourselves in learning, renew ourselves in leisure and rest in safety. Thank you, Lord.

You have freely blessed us with more than we could ever earn. You have sustained us in bounty we do not deserve. Our people have abused the land, robbed the heritage of indigenous peoples and imagined ourselves to be the source of our own blessings. Despite all this, you have promised to love your people with an everlasting love, and so we are bold to seek your mercy.

Help us respond to your infinite grace through generosity to those in need, understanding for those in dismay, courtesy toward those who oppose us, forgiveness for those who wrong us and compassion toward all who need us. As we gather with family and friends, help us speak freely and naturally of your gracious love so that our holiday table may abound with thanks as well as with food. Through this time of thanksgiving and rest, lead us to continue in thankful living and giving, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, we pray for those who are sick, in the hospital, recovering at home, or facing procedures....

We pray for those who mourn, asking for the Holy Spirit to comfort them and remind them of the hope we have in You....

We pray for those who are traveling. See them safely home....

We celebrate with those who celebrate....

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We pray for our first responders, health care professionals, and our spiritual leaders....

We lift up these prayers to You, as well as spoken prayer requests and unspoken prayers of our people....

Silent prayer

We pray in the name of our Savior who taught us to pray, saying...

THE 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 have trespassed against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SERMON "Please Pass the Bread" Pastor Allison
John 6:25-35

CLOSING SONG "Nothing Without You" Brian, Landes, and Cassel

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Allison

Lord, you are the bread of heaven, giving life to the world. You fill our emptiness with your goodness. You come to our weakness with your strength. Take and use these gifts to bring in a rich harvest of your heavenly food and life-giving refreshment. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Where will we go and who will we be?

All: We go out into the world to be God's people.

POSTLUDE Catalina Daggett

"Give Thanks" Henry Smith arr., Ken Barker

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