

# *Trinity Church Welcomes You*

## **Thanksgiving**

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Pastor Priscilla Hukki

\*Indicates standing as you are able.

**Bold indicates “in unison”.**

### PRELUDE

### LIGHTING THE CANDLES

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his<sub>[a]</sub>;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;**

**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

(From Psalm 100)

### \*OPENING HYMN *Come Ye Thankful People Come* UMH #694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
all is 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 as praise to God we yield;  
wheat and tares together sown are to 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 the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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## OPENING PRAYER

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.**

## FIRST READING

*Joel 2: 21-24*

<sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!

<sup>22</sup> Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

<sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

<sup>24</sup> The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

God's Word for God's People

## PSALM

*Psalm 126*

(read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup> **Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup> **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 3: 12-17*

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

God's Word for God's People

## \*GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 6: 25-33*

[Jesus said,] <sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

<sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The Gospel of the Lord

## SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

## HYMN

*For the Fruits of This Creation*

UMH #97

1. For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;  
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's  
safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our refuge,  
our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us  
and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
and we are complicit in its power.  
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.**

**Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
that we may live just and generous lives  
for the good of your world  
and the care of our neighbors,  
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:  
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,  
swallowing up death forever.  
For his sake, you are † forgiven  
and God remembers your sin no more.  
Let your heart be glad again,  
and rejoice in your salvation.  
**Amen.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **OFFERING**

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary.

**\*OFFERING** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.  
Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name.  
**Amen.**

## **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

### **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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin 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.  
Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break this bread and share this cup in remembrance of Jesus who gives himself for us. Receive the body and blood of Christ given for you. Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be disciples. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your Good News in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

## \*HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

UMH #102

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us  
on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son,  
and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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## BENEDICTION

Beloved, God dwells among us! This is good news! Go now in the blessing of the ☩ Triune God who created you, redeems you, and sustains you to live and love as faithful disciples of Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

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