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***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Adapted from Psalm 123 / Matthew 25

LEADER: Raise your eyes to the God of heaven and earth.
PEOPLE: We raise our hearts and voices with songs of praise.
LEADER: We lift our eyes to you, for the day of the Lord is near.
PEOPLE: In our minds, in our hearts, and in our streets, we seek the Lord.

***HYMN** *What Gift Can We Bring*
UMH #87

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Nicene Creed* #880

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*universal

SCRIPTURE Psalm 123 (NIV)

[1] I lift up my eyes to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven.
[2] As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he shows us his mercy.

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[3] Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt.
[4] We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant,of contempt from the proud.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

HYMN *He Has Made Me Glad*
#2270 refrain only

He has made me glad, He has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has made me glad
He has made me glad, He has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has made me glad

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Adapted from Richard Einerson

Our gracious eternal God, the ancient words of Paul echo in our souls this day. We are so much like the people of the Thessalonian Church and its culture.

We want to have glimpses of the future so that we might know that we are secure. We want to have the security to know that tomorrow will be alright. We want to have life all buttoned down and figured out so there will be no surprises. We want you to rid us of all anxiety and worry and fear. We want to know that when the great call comes for us we will be safe. We want all darkness and all uncertainty removed from our lives.

Become alive for us again in these quiet moments. We pray that in this teachable moment you would again open to us your powerful and grace-filled presence.

Lead our spirits to find the courage to say, "All will be well because we are yours." Lead our spirits to find the ability to live one moment and one day at a time. Lead our spirits to serenity and a peace which the world cannot give. Lead our spirits to know that with your power we can cope with whatever surprises life presents to us. Lead our spirits to know that we are destined "not for wrath" but for your redeeming.

And lead our spirits to know that "whether we wake or sleep," living or dying, we are yours into the ages of all ages. Hear us as Jesus taught us to pray:

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 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 forever. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
Offer the peace of Christ by saying:
The peace of Christ be with you.
Respond: **And also with you!**

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GIVING

***RESPONSE** #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.

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 (ESV)
[8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *Armor Without Weapons*
Rev. David W. Brown

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***HYMN** *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
#399 UMH

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Washington Gladden (1879)
Music: H. Percy Smith (1874)

BLESSING
Adapted from Revelation 1:8

The blessing of God,
who was and is and is to come—
first and last,
beginning and end,
Alpha and Omega—
be with you now and always. Alleluia!

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
we pray. Amen

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton
Liturgist at 9:40 – Beh Eberle
Greeters at 9:40 – Sally Scherr and Galen Mills

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Marge Freshley in memory of her husband, Rev. Wendell Freshley.



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40am service!

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Today at 11:30am in the Atrium featuring a video message from the Bishop.

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

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Calling All Children Singers!



The Armstrong Chapel Handbell Choir has a music selection for Sunday, Nov. 22, that we would like to feature all children singers ages 6-12. Rehearsal TODAY from 10:45-11:00am in the Children's Center, and Sunday morning Nov. 22 in the Sanctuary from 8:50-9:10am (accompanied by the Handbell Choir).

BOXES ARE DUE TOMORROW!





Sunday, November 22
11:30am in the Atrium

We are planning to have a gathering to decorate our beautiful church on the Sunday before turkey day. Lunch will be provided. Bring the whole family, lots of hands! and, if you'd like, a favorite dish to share.

Contact Jane Florer (jbflorer@gmail.com or 513-257-5844) with questions.

Advent Candle Lighting

We are looking for couples / families / individuals to do a small reading and light the Advent candles during worship.

11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20
@ 8:20am, 9:40am, 10:30am

12/24
@ 5pm, 8pm, 11pm



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