

# Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving

November 20, 2022 ~ 7:00 P.M.

*Welcome to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!*

*\* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit  
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**Prelude**

***Come Ye Thankful People Come***

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

We come, for God gathers us here,  
with that community called faith:

**where the hungry are served first,  
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

We come, for God welcomes us here  
into that home called grace:

**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;  
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

We come, for God reunites us here,  
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**where the imprisoned model justice,  
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

**Hymn**

***We Gather Together***

**UMH 131**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the  
Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our  
hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our  
living. Amen.**

**Psalter: Psalm 100 UMH 821**

**Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9**

**Reflection: "Are You Grateful?"**

**\*Praise Song**

***All Good Gifts***

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way. God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all. Therefore, I invite you to confess all that would separate you from God or one another.

Let us pray.

When we have fashioned idols of our own desire  
or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Time for personal reflection and confession.*

When have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others,

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Time for personal reflection and confession.*

When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy  
or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Time for personal reflection and confession.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Praise God!**

**\*Hymn**

***Now Thank We All Our God***

**UMH 102**

**Benediction**


**\*Postlude**

***Let All Things Now Living***

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Thank you.

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