

Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving

November 24, 2024 ~ 6:30 P.M.

Welcome to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

During difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise God!

Our lives should be witnesses to God's goodness and power.

Our hearts should encompass compassion and service to God's people.

Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today's world, O Lord.

Enable us to be faithful and strong for you. Amen.

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 126 UMH 847

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

Reflection: "The Blessing of Serving Others"
*Dominic Gregoria, Donna McAvoy,
Judy Mihalkovitz, and Isabel Orriss*

***Praise Song *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Anthem *Give Thanks to the Lord*

***Doxology UMH 95**

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word "holiday" is comprised of two words: "holy and day." Forgive us when we treat the "holiday" as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance this day. Help us move past the busyness of the day into the attitude of gratitude we should display for all the many wonders and blessings you have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble and gripe about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of Passion about the love you have given to us and about the joy of serving you by helping others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (v. 1,3) UMH 694**

Benediction

***Postlude *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (v. 4) UMH 694**

The collection taken this evening will benefit the
Hot Lunch Mission at Lacey UMC. Thank you.

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