

∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

November 21, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday

*"I thank You for these gifts, dear God,
Upon Thanksgiving Day –
For love and laughter and the faith
That makes me kneel to pray."
-- Margaret Sangster*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE "Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)
John Newton, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Know ye that the Lord is God.

People: Enter into His gates with praise,

Leader: For the Lord is good.

People: His steadfast love endures to all generations!

Leader: To Your name, O Lord, be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Give Thanks" Henry Smith

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Lord of seedtime and harvest, who sends wind and sun, rain and snow, we open our hearts to You this morning, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions. You have blessed us beyond our deserving and yet we have ignored Your ways and violated Your laws. Help us, Lord, to discard those things which degrade our lives, and by Your Spirit encourage us to embrace the new and wonderful life that is found in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(moment for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Friends, know that God has drawn us out of the sins of our lives and has strengthened us with Christ's steadfast love.

People: We proclaim God's faithfulness in this assurance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 622)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/ and to the young at heart

ANTHEM "Thanks to Thee, O Lord" George Frederic Handel

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

SERMON "Thanks, It's a New Day"

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17).

*HYMN No. 284 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

OFFERING RESPONSE

The Session has decided to return to a more usual offering format. The ushers will come forward to receive your morning offering at each pew. All offerings will then be dedicated in prayer at the chancel.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 625)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

*HYMN No. 556 "Now Thank We All Our God"

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," v. 2
Helen H. Lemmel

POSTLUDE

* Those who are able, please stand

Blue Jean Sunday

Thank you to all who helped on Blue Jean Sunday and other times with the church clean-up. A lot of work was accomplished both inside and outside the church! Special thanks to Dottie Slocum for her delicious homemade soup and cookies and to Peggy Parsons for helping with the lunch. Thanks also to Evan and Dan Carpenter and Dave Parsons for bringing their tractors. It made the clean-up much easier. - - Finance & Facilities Committee

Clothing Shed

Jackets and warm shirts for men are needed at this time. Please drop them off in the administrative wing cupboard or closet. Thank you for your donations.

Coffee Hour

The Church Life Committee will officially begin to offer Coffee Hour the second Sunday of each month. The sign-up board for the Committees Coffee hour is located on the blue board next to the kitchen. Casual Coffees, not the Committee Coffee Hours, can be provided other Sundays by anyone willing to do just a beverage and stay long enough to clean up and lock doors. The Casual sign-up sheet is next to the Deacon's card. "Casual" Chairperson, please invite someone to help you with the coffee-hour tasks.

For Prayer:

Dave Gross, Bob Sincerbeaux,
Jim Krebs, Jackie Ryan, the family of Donna Oaks

Advent Bible Study

Join us for "O Night Divine" Bible study! Each day you will spend just three minutes to experience a more prayerful heart as you prepare for our Savior's birth; each Wednesday evening in December (1,8,15,22) You are invited to gather with others to talk about the devotions. The devotional booklet will be mailed to you. The gathering will be entirely on Zoom; join via your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Hanging of the Greens

Plan to stay after the worship service on Sunday, November 28, for the Hanging of the Greens. We will share a pizza lunch.

Mitten Tree

The decorations on our mitten tree are donated to needy Dryden school children. When you are shopping, please remember to purchase a warm hat or mittens to hang on the tree.

Worship for Next Sunday

November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2,6-7
Sermon: "His Name Is Wonderful"

Office Hours

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary pastor, are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon.
Pastor Jim Hicks – 607-898-5201- hicksjam@verizon.net

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Chorus:

My chains are gone – I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3:

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Chorus (2x):

My chains are gone – I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 4:

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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Give Thanks

Part 1: (2 times)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

Part 2: (2 times)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Part 1 (2 times)

Give thanks.
Give thanks.

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Verse 1:

We are one with the Spirit, we are one with the Lord,
We are one with the Spirit, we are one with the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2:

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

Refrain

Verse 3:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:

Refrain

Verse 4:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Refrain

Text and Music: *St. Brendan's* by Peter Scholtes; based on John 13:35

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken

Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

Now Thank We All Our God

Verse 1:

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

Verse 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 in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

Verse 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 heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Amen.

Text: Martin Rinkart; translated by Catherine Winkworth
Music: Johann Crüger; harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn