

**CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFTS,
COMMITTING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WORK**

Sunday, November 21, 2010

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord Our God"

GREETING

***HYMN # 551**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

***LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: We praise and thank our God

People: for all that we have been given!

Leader: We praise and thank our God

People: for earth and oceans, rain and sun, for food and homes.

Leader: We praise and thank our God

People: for the blessings of life and faith and hope.

Leader: We praise and thank our God

**People: for the Creator who made us, the Christ who saved us,
and the Counselor who guides us.**

Leader: We praise and thank our God

People: for family and friends, for neighbors and coworkers.

Leader: We praise and thank our God

People: for God has blessed us beyond all expectations.

Leader: We praise and thank our God

**People: for all blessings which compel us to reach out
to those with less, to be of service to any in need,
to keep company with the unwelcome, to seek peace
and make friends of our enemies.**

Leader: Let us pray,

**People: Lord God, you have enriched us, saved us, loved us. Open
our hearts and minds to your will that we may be free to
share everything we have, to give away whatever holds us
hostage in spirit, that we may always know that
possessions are just that: things, lovely to have, but in the
end only good for the good they can do in this world. Keep
us always in that work, the work of Christ and Christ's
kingdom, the kingdom of God. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

READING FROM THE PSALMS pg. 581

Psalm 145

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

**Gateway to Worship

ANTHEM

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Howard Helvey

GOSPEL READING pg. 61

Luke 4:16-19

MEDITATION

***HYMN**

"The Summons"

(vv. 1 & 2, see insert)

MISSION FOCUS: Rise Up for Kids

Sherry Marion

MISSION FOCUS: The River

Stacy Larsen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MISSION FOCUS: CASA

Samantha James

MISSION FOCUS: Living Waters

Bob Armistead

EPISTLE READING pg. 229

James 1:22-27

MISSION FOCUS: IHN

Brian Rosecrance

GOSPEL READING pg. 29

Matthew 25:31-46

MEDITATION

***HYMN**

"The Summons"

(vv. 3-5, see insert)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMITMENT OF OUR LIVES AND DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory “*Standing on the Promises*” Youth Choir

***Doxology** # 555 (verse 3) “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

***Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: Let us affirm our faith.

People: **We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.**
We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God’s new community of hope. Amen.

***HYMN** # 554 “*Let All Things Now Living*”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*For those who are able, please stand.

****Gateway to Worship** is our worship program for 4-year olds through first graders. The Gateway leader will take the children to their classroom in the Fellowship Hall after the Children’s Moments.

*Coffee Fellowship will be served in the Fellowship Hall today.
Please join us immediately after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments and to participate in the Alternative Gift Fair.*

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 24th and Thursday, November, 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

Please save the date and come to help if you can. We know this is a holiday weekend and many will have guests or be out of town, but a few extra hands will make light work of a fun job. Thanks!