



**Sunday, November 11, 2018**

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms*. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**1 Peter 4:7-11 (NIV)**

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

**Greeters:**

Jim Provins  
Cindy Kluth  
Rachel & Art Reist  
Ronald Lunn

**Ushers:**

Jen Winter  
Eric & Deb Peterson  
Sandy Leaman  
Ben & Jennifer Switch  
John Hershey

**The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:**

Leigh & Kathleen Shuman, dedicated to all of the veterans  
The white rose is to announce the death of Doris Schaub

**Gathering in God's Name**

Chimes & Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Prelude

*"America, the Beautiful"*

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 105, The Message)

Call: Hallelujah! Praise God! Lift high God's holy name.

**Response: Tell everyone the wonderful things God has done.**

Call: Sing songs to God and belt out hymns.

**Response: We raise our voices in praise and the instruments join in!**

Call: Honor God's holy name with shouts of "Hallelujah!"

**Response: Stay alert for God's presence. Watch for how God is at work.**

Call: Remember the world of wonder that God has made.

**Response: Recall God's miraculous deed and faithful love.**

Call: Come, O people of God. The Lord is worthy of our worship!

**Response: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! We lift high God's holy name.**

\* Opening Hymn #562

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer of Confession (Silent & Corporate)

**Gracious God, there is so much you have given us  
that we have taken for granted.**

**We confess our negligence in the constructive use  
of the marvelous resources you have given us.**

**We have allowed our gifts and talents to remain dormant.**

**We have failed to stimulate our minds with that which is challenging and uplifting.**

**God, you have put us in community to learn our true place in the world: among others.**

**Teach us to share our material and spiritual gifts as you have shared with us.**

**Help us to give it away generously, confident that there is enough for all. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*During the Gloria Patri, we invite the K-3rd graders to walk back to the **Prayground** where they can listen to the Scripture and the sermon. We invite the 4th/5th graders to walk back and pick up a Sermon activity sheet and take it back to their seats. If a preschooler would like to join us in the **Prayground**, we ask that a parent accompany them.*

\* Gloria Patri 579

**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**

Scripture 1 Peter 4:7-11 (NIV)

Message **“Making a Difference - as Faithful Stewards of God’s Grace”**

Minute For Stewardship “Making a Difference”

Hymn of Response #428 *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*

## Responding to God’s Word

Prayers of the People for Veteran’s Day and Lord’s Prayer Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: Almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence...

**People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Presentation of Offering

Offertory *“He, Watching Over Israel”* F. Mendelssohn

*Please sign and pass the “Friendship Pad” during the Offering and pass it down the pew. At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

\* Doxology 592 (inclusive)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Going in God’s Name

Ministry Highlights & Greeting

\* Closing Hymn #538 *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”*

\* Benediction and Choral Response

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory in each face;**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Choral Response

*"A Blessing of Peace"*

D. Schwoebel

Postlude

*"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"*

**MUSIC:** HIGHLAND CHANCEL CHOIR, SETH WICKENHEISER, ORGAN SCHOLAR  
DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST

**A/V:** JONATHAN LEFEVER

\* PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



*Care and compassion* - If you or someone you know would like a helping hand by way of a comfort meal, prayer shawl, visitation, or a delivery of flowers, please feel free to reach out to our Caring Deacons in the narthex today.

Since the end of World War II, observances of Armistice Day have been held all over the nation, but especially in our national cemeteries and monuments and at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. The president and many state governors have issued proclamations. Countless communities, veterans groups, and civic clubs and organizations have held local observances. Armistice Day became Veterans' Day by an act of Congress in 1954, changing its purpose and scope. President Eisenhower called on the nation to remember the sacrifices of those who fought in *all* our nation's wars, to celebrate the contributions of all veterans of military service, and to rededicate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace. It is Eisenhower's call that remains the three-fold purpose of Veterans' Day: remembering those who fought and died, celebrating all veterans, and promoting an enduring peace.



The Memorial Garden Committee flies the American flag three times per year: On Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veterans Day in honor of friends and family who have served or are currently serving in the United States Military. We invite you to visit the Memorial Garden and enjoy our beautiful Sanctuary setting following the service.