



Sunday, November 25, 2018

"Lord, remember David
and all his self-denial.
He swore an oath to the Lord,
he made a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
'I will not enter my house
or go to my bed,
I will allow no sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
till I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'"

Psalm 132:1-5 (NIV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters:

Faye Gemmill & June Power
Marilyn Sander
Johanna & Bob Gingher
Jean & Hal Buch

Ushers:

Fred Engle & Sue Savage
Gary & Sandy Cross
George & Carol Ritchey
Grant Shonour

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Vickie Kutz, in memory of her mother, Alice R. Goddard
Jane Hartin, in memory of her father, Harold Wardlow
Larry & Juanita Fowler, in memory of our Thanksgiving birthday mothers, Mary Christine & Alice Emma

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes & Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Prelude

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 107)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.

**People: We give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for humankind.**

Leader: Some wandered in the desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.
Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble and God delivered them from their distress.

**People: We give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for humankind.**

Leader: God turns the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs.
We sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest.

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever, Alleluia. Amen!

* Opening Hymn #559
with Choral Introduction

"We Gather Together"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession (Silent & Corporate)

**Wondrous and generous God, You bless us
with loving families, kind friends and a caring church.**

Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility.

**We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity,
but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive.**

**Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed,
when we don't let your goodness flow through us,
when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world.**

**Create in us Lord:
a contagious spirit of giving,
a radical habit of sharing,
and regular routine of involvement,
for the sake of others and for Christ. 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

Baptism of Max Ryan Markley

Son of Megan & Daniel Markley

Baptism Hymn #498

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Scripture

Psalm 132:1-5 (NIV)

Message

**"Make a Difference - This Christmas, for Christ's Sake!"
3rd in 3-Part Stewardship Series**

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Thanksgiving Video

"Thanksgiving Video"

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

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

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

George J. Elvey, arr. Ron Boud

*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

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Special Guest

* Closing Hymn #555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

* 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.

Postlude

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



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