

November 2023

SUNDAY 5th

10:00 AM All Saints' Sunday – Communion

Preacher – Rev. Eileen Lindsay

New Members and Mortgage Retirement Celebration

Opening:	UMH # 711	“For All the Saints”
Prayer:	TFWS # 2195	“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”
Doxology:	UMH # 94	Praise God, ... All Blessings Flow - Alleluia
Benediction:	UMH # 519	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

SUNDAY 12th

10:00 AM

Grateful Praise

Focus Scripture: Psalm 100

Do we come to church with grateful hearts? Well, of course, we do. But more than that, we pass through every door with gratitude in our minds and hearts. We enter our own homes, grateful for the family of which we are a part. We go out into the world grateful for the abundance we take for granted way too often. We encounter others and give thanks for the gift of life that they are, even the ones we sometimes struggle to get along with. What we do in the hour we gather with the body in the sanctuary of the church matters, and we ought to do it with as much gratitude and joy as we can muster. But to “worship the Lord with gladness” is what we do in our homes and places of work, in our neighborhoods, and on our playgrounds. We live out the worship of God by giving thanks anywhere and everywhere we can.

Children’s Moment:	Megan Houpt
Special Offering:	Jim Cramer

Opening:	UMH # 100	“God, Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us”
Prayer:	TFWS # 2036	“Give Thanks”
Doxology:	UMH # 94	Praise God, ... All Blessings Flow –Alleluia
Benediction:	As you prepare to cross the threshold from this place out into the world and as you encounter doorways and thresholds throughout your week, repeat this blessing: “May gratitude abound as I meet God and neighbor in this place. Amen.”	
Benediction Song:	TFWS # 2008	“Let All Things Now Living”

SUNDAY 19th

10:00 AM

Gratitude Sunday

Focus Scripture: Philippians 4. 4 - 13

Paul, the apostle, says he has learned the secret to this joy, and it must be that joy is powered by gratitude. Grateful joy, then is dynamic, the result of an ongoing relationship and way of living that keeps us engaged with God and with people. And it leaks out as we engage with others; it shapes our language and our vision. In short, it shows. In everything we do, in who we are, in the attitudes we present, in the face we offer to the world, it shows. So, let it show.

Opening:	UMH # 77	“How Great Thou Art”
Prayer:	TFWS # 2036	“Give Thanks”
Doxology:	UMH # 94	Praise God, ... All Blessings Flow - Alleluia
Benediction:	UMH # 733	“All of Life is Filled With Wonder”*

***All of Life is Filled With Wonder**

(Lyrics by Carolyn Gillette; Tune UMH # 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

- 1. All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —
For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;
For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,
God, we praise and thank you, knowing every day we're truly blessed.**
- 2. For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,
For the smell of fresh bread baking, for the sound of children's play,
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,
God we humbly praise and thank you for your presence with us here.**
- 3. For the ways we're blessed with plenty — love and laughter, neighbors, friends,
Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty, life in you that never ends,
For the ones who've gone before us, giving witness to your way —
We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.**
- 4. For your love in times of trouble, for your peace when things are tough,
For your help when hardships double, for your grace that is enough,
For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill —
God, we thank you that you bless us, and you bless your world as well.**
- 5. For the baby in the manger, for the cross and empty tomb,
For each time a searching stranger finds at church a welcome home,
For your kingdom's great surprises — poor ones lifted, lost ones found —
God, we thank you! Hope still rises, for your gifts of grace abound.**

SUNDAY 26th

10:00 AM

Grateful Praise

Focus Scripture: John 6. 5 - 23

We are grateful for those in our circles of care; we are grateful to those who help us live in the manner to which we have become accustomed. We recognize that none of the benefits we enjoy come without effort on someone's part, and we learn to be grateful to those who help make our society run smoothly. If we were to make a list of all those who provide for us, who care for us, who stand with us, we would probably never get to the end. We are truly woven together in a human tapestry of love and caring. Jesus invites us to become more aware of that reality and to live gratefully every day.

Opening:	UMH # 694	“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!”
Prayer:	TFWS # 2036	“Give Thanks”
Doxology:	UMH # 94	Praise God, ... All Blessings Flow - Alleluia
Benediction:	TFWS # 2008	“Let All Things Now Living”