

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Thanksgiving Sunday

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Variations on Thanksgiving

by Curtis

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: God is sovereign over all the earth. It is to God we belong.

P: We are God's people, the sheep of His pasture

L: Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving

P: Let us enter Her courts with praise on our lips

L: This place of worship has been prepared for us to come with songs of thanks and praise.

P: God has provided so much. Let us raise our voices and celebrate!

OPENING HYMN NO. 376 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

God, We Thank You For Our People

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

L: Thanksgiving Day provides an opportunity for us to take stock of God's blessings, and to reflect on our response to those blessings.

Our Creator, you have made an intricate and diverse world, and set us to cultivate it reverently and responsibly:

ALL: Forgive us when we forget our connection with all of creation.

L: Our Creator, you have made a world of abundance and intend for us to share so that all may have their "daily bread".

ALL: Forgive us when we lose the sense of hospitality and community.

L: Our Creator, you have sent us Jesus, the "Bread of Life" to satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst.

ALL: Forgive us when we do not respond to his justice and mercy.

L: Every day and all day let us celebrate your goodness.

ALL: Forgive us when we fail to turn to you in prayer.

L: Everyday and all day let us shape our very lives by focusing our minds on what is beautiful and worthy of praise.

ALL: Forgive us when we forget that you make all things possible.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 143 (Methodist hymnal, see p. 4)

On Eagle's Wings

ALL SING: And God will raise you up on Eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

SUNDAY SONGS

The Mustard Seed

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Barb Waltemyer)

Matthew 6: 24-34

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 9 (black hymnal, see p. 4)

We Sing to You, O God

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2227 (FWS, see p. 5)

We Are the Body of Christ

ALL SING: One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ. One goal, one vision: To see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 547 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Amazing Grace

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thanks Be to Thee

by Handel

Thank you to Dave Beyer, Ron Miles, & John Schriver for serving on the tech team this morning. Thank you to Barb Waltemyer for reading Scripture. Thank you to Brenda Beyer, Mike Gibbs, Debbie Butcher, & Tom Bair for leading the hymns this morning!

¹ Paraphrased from Psalm 100 with some elements from “Always with a Song of Thanksgiving: Service Prayers for Thanksgiving Day” by Henrietta Stith Andrews in *Worship Ways*:

https://www.uccfiles.com/rtf/wwThanksgiving_Day_C.rtf

² The prayer of confession is from “Always with a Song of Thanksgiving: Service Prayers for Thanksgiving Day” by Henrietta Stith Andrews in *Worship Ways*:

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God, We Thank You for Our People

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. God, we thank you for our peo - ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,
2. Thank you, God, for gen - tle plea - sure: les - sons learned and se - crets told,
3. Still we must con - fess be - fore you, some - times Sav - ior, we have failed;
4. By your Spir - it of cre - a - tion, keep us bold for risk - ing still,

5



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.
hopes and mem - ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,
though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some - times love has not pre - vailed.
ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.

9



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:
Pranks and glo - ries, songs and sto - ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.
Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame
Bind us close to one an - noth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,

13



Here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.
God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.
You trans - form by wats for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!
Wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

On Eagle's Wings

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And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the
 5 breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the
 9 palm of God's hand.

We Sing to You, O God

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us
 2. We wan - dered far from home out in a des - ert
 3. You bear us through the world, an ea - gle to her
 4. O God, e - ter - nal God, we hide with - in your
 5 birth, let our re - joic - ing sing your name in all the
 land, you shield - ed with your love our fear - ful pil - grim
 young, who ris - es on her wings and bears us toward the
 wings, the ev - er - last - ing arms to whom our prais - es
 9 earth. To you, O God, let songs be raised, in
 band. You kept us safe with - in your arms and
 sun. We ride the vaults of light and air and
 ring. Your word is true, your way is just, you
 13 joy - ful, hymns, our - feast of praise.
 shelt - ered us a - gainst the storm.
 trust in your God un - fail - ing care.
 are the God in whom we trust.

We Are the Body of Christ

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

One heart, one Spir - it, one voice to praise you, we are the
 7 bod - y of Christ. One goal, one vi - sion: To see you ex -
 13 - alt - ed. We are the bod - y of Christ.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
 4. My God has prom - ised good to me, whose word my
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing
 7 wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am
 fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that grace ap -
 read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus
 hope se - cures; God ill my shield and por - tion
 as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's
 13 found, was blind but now I see.
 pear the hour I be - lieved!
 far. and grace will lead me home.
 be as long as life en - dures.
 praise than when we'd first be - gun.