

FESTIVAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND SONG

Treaty 4 Territory

We are privileged to gather today in Treaty 4 Territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis.

Welcome Statement

You are welcome here, you, whose face does not resemble mine, whose spirit I may not define, you, whose eyes have seen, what I will never dream. You, whose frame is bent or broken, whose mind fears the unspoken. You are welcome here.

Regardless of your race, your age, your gender identity or expression, your marital status, physical and mental ability, your sexual orientation, country of origin, economic and religious status, you will be honoured here.

For Christ has made us whole and Christ has set us free. His daily grace enables us to live in harmony.

Opening Hymn – “Come You Thankful People Come”

ELW 693

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

All: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth (Isaiah 40:28)

‘As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.’ (Gen 8:22)

By faith
I gaze up to the heavens
and know
within its vastness
that this is your creation
planned and effected within eternity

For wonder and hope we give thanks

By faith
I pluck an ear of corn
and know
within its symmetry
lies the chemistry of life
the potential of creation within my hand

For food and all that sustains life we give thanks.

By faith
I listen for your voice
and know the whisper that I hear
breathed a world into existence
yet listens to the prayer within my soul

For the promise of your abiding love we give thanks

By faith
 I strive to do your will
 and know
 the door that I approach
 may lead me to shadows
 where my roll is to become your light

For the chance to be light for the world with you we give thanks

By faith
 I cling to your word
 and know
 the strength that I receive
 has its source within the love
 that is at the centre of all things

For strength to meet what lies ahead we give thanks

Leader: Listen to these words from Christina Rossetti ((1830-1894)) and think about them for a moment,

'Lord, purge our eyes to see
 within the seed a tree,
 Within the glowing egg a bird,
 Within the shroud a butterfly,
 Til, taught by such, we see
 beyond all creatures, thee.'

Hymn Of Praise – “Beautiful Saviour” VSS 1-3

ELW 838

Prayer of the Day

The Lord Be with you. **and also with you**

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on

doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hymn - "Have You Thanked The Lord?"

ELW 829

Gospel: John 6:25-35

²⁵When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Hymn - "Praise And Thanksgiving"

ELW 689

Prayers of Intercession

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Lord our God, we celebrate the bounty you share with us. Place in your church a heart of thanksgiving. Help us share the bread that is Jesus Christ, so that no one will ever hunger for anything. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation is filled with life. You provide fields and orchards, streams and lakes, animals and plants in endless variety. Fill us with wonder and awe at your handiwork as we seek to live humbly among all creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be close to people for whom this is not a day of celebration, but a day of mourning. Make us mindful of all people and nations, with ears to hear and hearts to listen. Make our daily thanksgivings a path to reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, be with those who are suffering illness or hardship of any sort especially Terri, Beth, Lynne, Paul, Michael, Dennis, Harley, Emma, Kevin, Cooper from Edenwold, Jane, Kathy, Joanne, Doug, Lorraine, Pastor Kragbe Legrae and Pastor Larry Fry.

Relieve their worried hearts by your nearness. Grant them the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Watch over our community and guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Be the safety of those who travel, and grant joyous times with friends and loved ones. Bring reconciliation to families in discord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you are near to those who have died in you (*especially*). Relieve our worries and give us the joy of your saints, who, in unending truth, purity, and excellence, praise you always. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Offering & Offertory Prayer -

Let us pray . Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

Pastor Stewart – “What a Wonderful World”

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 190)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

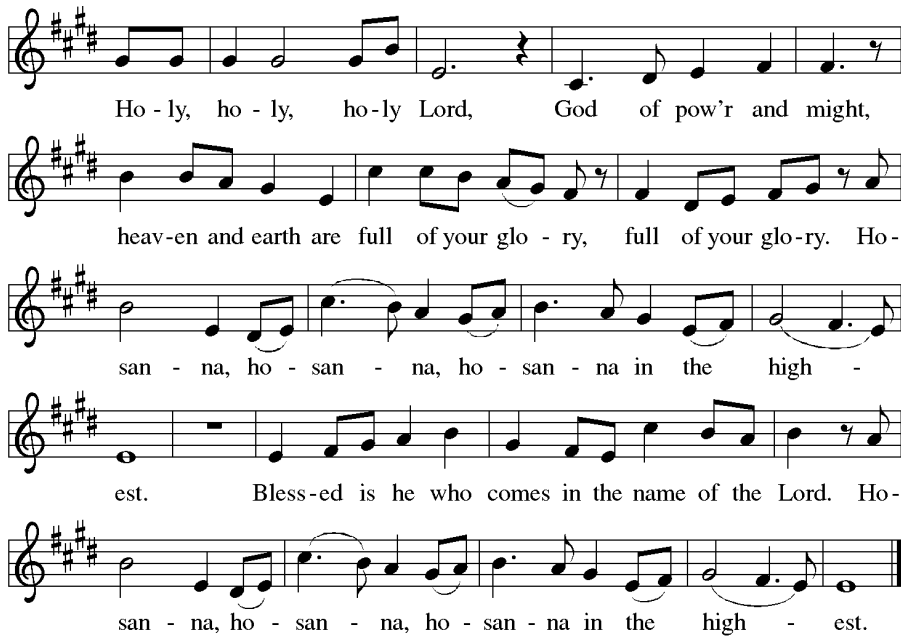
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE (ELW p. 190)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 190)

We give you thanks, Father,
 through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
 whom you sent in this end of the ages
 to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
 through whom you created all things,
 and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
 He there took on our nature and our lot
 and was shown forth as your Son,
 born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
 and won for you a holy people;
 he stretched out his hands in suffering
 in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
 in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
 to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
 to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
 taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
 we take this bread and cup,
 giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
 to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
 gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
 fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
 that we may praise & glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
 through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
 with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.**

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 191) & COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191) "Lamb of God"

Closing Litany -- Small Beginnings

"Things great have small beginnings. Every downpour is just a raindrop; every fire is just a spark; every harvest is just a seed; every journey is just a step because without that step there will be no journey; without that raindrop there can be no shower; without that seed there can be no harvest." -- William Wilberforce

In the beginning there was nothing, and out of nothing you fashioned a universe so vast, so unimaginable that we can only sigh with amazement when we stare upwards on a star-lit night. And within this universe you positioned the earth and populated it, provided for it and designed for it to be a place of beauty.

Creator God: Thank you

In the beginning there was just potential; the seed within the packet, soil's nutrients, sunshine's warmth, rain clouds gathering. And within the tiny seed all that is our daily bread encoded, primed and ready should it be planted and allowed to grow.

Creator God: Thank you

Genesis 2: 8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9 And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

In the beginning there was humankind, placed within your garden, made steward, gardener and caretaker of this place of beauty, given responsibilities and the capacity to enjoy. And yet among the seeds we have sown have been weeds and crops of our own choosing, which have not shown fruit or have spread and choked the earth.

Creator God: Forgive us

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you

May the Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy

May the Lord look upon you and give you peace.

Announcements

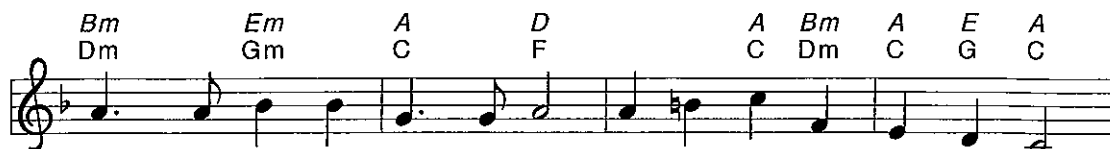
Closing Hymn "Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises" ELW 535

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



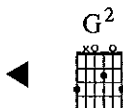
God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.
 Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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acappella fingerpick

Beautiful Savior

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Capo 1: D E \flat Bm Cm Em Fm A B \flat D E \flat Bm B \flat 7 Cm C \flat 7 Em Fm A B \flat D E \flat

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

G A \flat D E \flat A/C \sharp B \flat /D D E \flat A B \flat

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

D/F \sharp E \flat /G G A \flat B \flat 7 C \flat 7 Em Fm A \flat 7 B \flat 7 D E \flat

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

F \sharp m Gm G A \flat D/A E \flat /B \flat A B \flat D E \flat

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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Have You Thanked the Lord?

Refrain
Capo 3: D

F G B \flat Em Gm A C

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?

D F G B \flat E 7 G 7 A 7 C 7

Don't you know that no to-mor-row is quite the same?

D F G B \flat Em Gm A C

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,

D F G B \flat D/A F/C A 7 C 7 D F

and re-joiced that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?

D F Em 7 Gm 7 Em Gm

1 Hal-le-lu-jah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea,
2 Hal-le-lu-jah! Par-a-dise we taste where we are;
3 Hal-le-lu-jah! Joy and peace the Sav-ior will bring.

A 7 C 7 D F

ev-'ry star at night that shines for you and me.
sum-mer breez-es, win-ter warmth are nev-er far.
Grace a-maz-ing! So we lift our voice and sing,

Em 7 Gm 7 Em Gm

Bless-ings so man-y come our way:
God's love is ev-er on dis-play:
grate-ful when clouds are bright or gray:

D/F# F/A G Bb A C D F Refrain

have you thanked the Lord to - day?
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How Marvelous God's Greatness

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Capo 3: D F D/A F/C G Bb D F Bm Dm D F E7 C7 D F

1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous God's might!
 2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;
 3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord
 4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light - strewn sky

D/A F/C G Bb D F Bm Dm D F A7 C7 D F

To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night:
 the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;
 the deep mys - ter - ious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;
 of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;

G Bb D F A C D F Em7 Gm7 D F A C

in form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen - dent birth,
 the val - leys deep are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;
 the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;
 when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,

D F Bm Dm G Bb Bm Dm G Bb D/A F/C A C D F

in af - ter - glow at eve - ning, in sky and sea and earth.
 the snow-capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.
 and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.
 oh, what tran - scen - dent bright - ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

Praise and Thanksgiving

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- 1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

First line of musical notation (treble clef, key signature of one sharp). The notes and chords are: D, Am, G, G7, Am.

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Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

Chords: G⁷ Am G/D Em D⁷ G

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HALELUYAH! PELO TSA RONA
6 6 6 8 and refrain