

Sunday, November 20, 2016

8:15am Worship Celebration

## Gathering for Celebration

Gathering music

Joyce Cooper

Welcome and announcements and birthdays

Mark

## Celebration Through Praise

Joyce/Mark/Christy/Sarah/Mary/Jack/Tom/Rick/Cynthia

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

“I Sing Praises To Your Name” FWS #2037

“Give Thanks” FWS #2036

Prayers of the People

Mark

## Celebration Through God’s Word

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Luke 17.11-19

Mark

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message: “Lest We Forget”

Mark

## Celebration Through Our Gifts

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

## Going Forth to Celebrate

Joyce/Mark/Christy/Sarah/Mary/Jack/Tom/Rick/Cynthia

“Sanctuary” FWS #2164

Closing Prayer

Mark

Sending Music

Joyce Cooper

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## Gathering for Celebration

Worship Chimes

Welcome

Todd Sands

Prelude

Tony Merry

## Celebration Through Praise

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 100.1-5)

Lexi Oldfield

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**We worship the LORD with gladness and come into His presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD God has made us,

**We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

**We give thanks to Him, bless His name.**

For the LORD is good;

**His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Lexi: Please stand for our opening hymn.

\* Hymn of Praise

*"We Gather Together"*

UMH #131

Choral Anthem

Children's Moment

Christy Swope

A Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

Lexi Oldfield

Loving God, Creator of all that has been, all that is, and all that is to come;

You made us human and gave us hearts to love you and follow you.

**We thank you for the many blessings you have given us over this past year.**

God, we thank you for all of the blessings you have given us throughout our lives: Food to eat, Clothes to wear, Shelter from the storm, People who love us unconditionally. We thank you for their love because we recognize that their love for us is a reflection of your love. We acknowledge that there are times in our lives when we, ourselves, feel unloved and unlovable. Give us the grace to love others, even when they are difficult.

**We trust in your faithfulness to carry us over the rough places of life.**

**We trust in your love to walk with us through the difficulties of our days.**

**We trust in your promise of life everlasting and put all of our hope in you.**

We thank you for Jesus.

We thank you that he died so that we might have eternal life.

**Forgive us for our sins:**

**The things you asked us to do and we failed to do**

**As well as the things you told us not to do but we did anyway.**

We are sorry and we ask that you will strengthen us So that we will always follow you. We pray that your Holy Spirit will be felt by people who are in pain in mind, body or spirit. Help them to know that you are with them and you are able to carry them through their trials.

**Bless our church family. Bless our community. Bless our nation. Bless our world.**

Enable us to live so that your will might be made manifest in the world around us.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior who taught us to pray as he taught his disciples: (A 21st Century Worship Resource by The Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn)

The Lord's Prayer

Todd: As God's beloved children, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

### **Celebration Through Our Gifts**

Offering

Offertory anthem

Handbell Choir

\* Doxology

\* Blessing of the Offering

Todd Sands

### **Celebration Through God's Word**

Scripture readings

Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Luke 17.11-19

Lexi Oldfield

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message: "Lest We Forget"

### **Going Forth to Celebrate**

\* Closing Song

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

UMH #694

\* Benediction

Postlude

Tony Merry

Thanks to Our Worship Leaders this morning:

Greeters: Dennis and Debbie Baker

Usher Coordinators: Jim Schumacher, Dana Swope

Ushers: Tom and Vickye Lewis, Dana Christine Swope, Tracy Miller

Elevator Attendants: ?

Organist: Tony Merry

Pianist: Marcie Butterfield

Bell Choir Director: Ann Lillie Briggs

Lay Leader: Todd Sands

Liturgist: Lexi Oldfield

Children's Moment: Christy Swope

Nursery Care provider: Julie McAllister

Sound Technician Team: Bill Woods; Craig Hill, Dan Vincent

## Deuteronomy 8:7-18 New Living Translation (NLT)

7 “For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land of flowing streams and pools of water, with fountains and springs that gush out in the valleys and hills. 8 It is a land of wheat and barley; of grapevines, fig trees, and pomegranates; of olive oil and honey. 9 It is a land where food is plentiful and nothing is lacking. It is a land where iron is as common as stone, and copper is abundant in the hills. 10 When you have eaten your fill, be sure to praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

11 “But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the Lord your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. 12 For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, 13 and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! 14 Do not become proud at that time and forget the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. 15 Do not forget that he led you through the great and terrifying wilderness with its poisonous snakes and scorpions, where it was so hot and dry. He gave you water from the rock! 16 He fed you with manna in the wilderness, a food unknown to your ancestors. He did this to humble you and test you for your own good. 17 He did all this so you would never say to yourself, *‘I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.’* 18 Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.”

Luke 17:11-19 New Living Translation (NLT)

11 As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. 12 As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, 13 crying out, *“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”*

14 He looked at them and said, *“Go show yourselves to the priests.”* And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.

15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, *“Praise God!”* 16 He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, *“Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”* 19 And Jesus said to the man, *“Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.”*

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Offertory Prayer

***Offertory Prayer for Thanksgiving Day or Thanksgiving Eve***

*How can we thank you enough for all you have given us, Lord?*

*We have so much, more than enough to supply all our needs.*

*As we present our tithes and offerings today, make us mindful of the people, especially the children, whose earthly needs we are called to supply.*

*In deepest gratitude, we offer ourselves back to you,  
for your service and your will.*

*In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.***

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