

Sunday October 11th, 2020

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Sometimes we can be resentful,

**All: but instead we come to give thanks.**

One: Sometimes we complain,

**All: but instead we come to offer our appreciation.**

One: Sometimes we wish we had more,

**All: but instead we come in gratitude for what we have.**

One: We enter now into this time of worship

**All: carrying seeds of hope, singing songs of joy, rejoicing in our hearts.**

Hymn                    **VU 516**        “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Approach    (said together)

**We come before you, O God, with thanksgiving in our hearts for the gift of our beautiful land, Canada, a land whose harvest feeds us and can help feed the world. We come to you in thanksgiving for the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We come to you in thanksgiving most of all for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Be with us now as we gather in many places to be one body to worship you. Amen.**

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:                    **VU 226**                    “For The Beauty Of The Earth”

Old Testament Reading:        Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Gospel Reading:                    John 6: 35-51

Prayer of Reflection    (said together)

**O God, you have given us this wonderful planet earth to call home. You have also granted us everything that we need so that we can provide for all that we share this earth with. But too often we have sought to keep more for ourselves than we really need. We find it so easy to enjoy the good things you have given us that sometimes we ignore the needs of others around us. In this world of**

plenty, there are too many people who wonder when they will have enough to feed their family. We confess to you now that we can be self-indulgent, and sometimes we lack generosity.

*Time of Reflection*

Words of Assurance

One: God hears us and forgives us.

**All: Creator, your generosity goes hand in hand with your grace, and we praise you for both. Amen.**

Anthem: Janella Salvador – “Give Thanks”

Message: *Jesus In A Box*

We rise to sing hymn: # 227 “For The Fruits Of This Creation”

The Offering

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.***

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Hymn **VU 520** “We Plough The Fields”

The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;  
God will go with you each hour of every day;  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe;  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above!  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Postlude: *The Blessing – Australia*