

Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God: but only the ones who see, take off their shoes; the rest sit round it, and pluck blackberries.

~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning

* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE "Netherlands" H. Whitford

WELCOME to ALL!

No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey
you are welcome here!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

INTROIT All Are Welcome M. Haugen

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from the prophet Joel)

L: Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy day of remembrance
and thanksgiving; call together a sacred assembly.

P: **Gather the people, bless them as they enter, bring together the
elders and the children.**

L: Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart!"

P: **Return to the Lord, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow
to anger and abounding in steadfast love!**

LET US PREPARE

***HYMN** We Gather Together R 21

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

LET US LISTEN

READINGS

Matthew 6:25-33
I Went to Thank Her (Emily Dickenson, 1863)

HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come R 461

REFLECTION "I Went to Thank Her"

ANTHEM A Thankful Heart M. Patterson

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE B 283

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

L: Let the people say...

P: **Amen and Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY Now Thank We All Our God J. Cruger

***DOXOLOGY** B778 (tune: B780: Bourgeois, 1551)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

LET US GO FORTH

***HYMN** For The Fruit of All Creation B 425

***BENEDICTION**

***AMEN** "Sevenfold Amen" R594

POSTLUDE Chorale and Fugue on "A Mighty Fortress" J. Denton

Ministers: **The People**
Pastor: **Rev. Steve Miller**
Minister of Music: **Gene Faxon**
Lay Reader: **Linda Grant**
Greeters: **Ken and Suze Campbell**
Ushers: **Ken Campbell and Bruce Hill**
Setup: **Carol Hess**
Flowers: **Cynthia Rouvalis**

Please join us in the Parish House immediately following worship for coffee.



November 24, 2024
Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday

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