



**Thanksgiving
Worship Service**

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Welcome to
worship!
Please
complete a
Connection
Card and place
the card in the
offering plate
near
the exit.
Thank you!

The prophet
Joel under-
stood that a
locust plague
that ravaged
the land of
Judah was
God's judg-
ment on the
people,
whom he
then called to
repentance.
Today's read-
ing points
beyond the
judgment to
a time when
God will bless
the land and
cause it to
produce food
in abun-
dance.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

GATHERING SONG *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (st. 1 & 2) # 693

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God. **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

PRAISE SONG *For the Beauty of the Earth* (st. 1,4,5) # 879

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Joel 2: 21-27

²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! ²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. ²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt

*The Lord
has done
great
things for
us, and we
are glad
indeed.
(Ps. 126:3)*

*Christians
are en-
couraged
to offer
prayers
and thanks
for all peo-
ple, includ-
ing rulers.
We offer
such inclu-
sive, far-
reaching
prayers
because
God de-
sires to
save all
people.*

*In the
Sermon on
the Mount
Jesus
taught his
disciples
about the
providence
of God so
that they
would
regard life
with
thankgiving
and
trust rather
than
anxiety.*

wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

³The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Now Thank We All Our God

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GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 25-33

The holy gospel according to...

Glorify to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Lord.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Solberg

SONG

We Praise You, O God

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God whose giving knows no ending, you invite the whole world to your table of mercy. Hear us as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

God, you give all people a place at the table. Nurture and encourage campus ministries, new congregations, and workplace chaplaincies. Support all parts of the church that meet people where they are and offer accompaniment through daily challenges and joys. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give nourishment to the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields. Sustain all creatures who rely on the earth for sustenance. Water parched ground, dry flooded fields, temper heat waves and frosts, and give sunlight and shade. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you give wisdom to your people. Enlighten all leaders. Inspire and guide our president, Joe Biden, our governor, Gretchen Whitmer, our local leaders, Jason Wallner, Dana LaLonde, Paul Maino, Eddy Karki, Kevin Flohe, Anthony Stagliano, Craig Ilmonen, Nate Heffron, and all who represent us in our government. Give them patience and perspective to choose wisely for our common good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you give nourishment to those who hunger. Bring poverty and food insecurity to an end. Give dignity and adequate employment to those who are unemployed and underemployed. Sustain us all at your welcoming banquet of love and justice. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you give community to those who are lonely. Be with our biological families, our chosen families, and our church family as we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday. Send your compassionate presence to those who are lonely, those who are separated or estranged from their families, and those whose loved ones have died. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, you give a feast of endless thanksgiving. We are grateful for the saints gathered at your table who have gone before us. Unite us with them whenever we give thanks to you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, your welcome is wider than we can imagine. Receive our prayers for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

O Lord, maker of all things, **you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us**

Holy and gracious God, Immanuel, ever present with us; you renew our lives in Christ through your Holy Spirit.

Guide us in prayer that we may know your renewing power.

Join our many voices into one heart as we come to give you praise and glory in our worship.

once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield its increase, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG

Praise and Thanksgiving

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive thos who trespass 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 and ever. Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG

Let All Things Now Living

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POSTLUDE

NEGAUNEE MINISTERIAL LEADERS

<i>Pr. Christopher Hintz</i>	-	Hope Mitchell United Methodist Church
<i>Pr. Kristi Hintz</i>	-	Hope Mitchell United Methodist Church
<i>LLM Michael Holman</i>	-	Bethany & Emanuel Lutheran Churches
<i>Pr. Jim Martindale</i>	-	St. John Episcopal Church
<i>Pr. Dale Niskanen</i>	-	Eastwood Apostolic Lutheran Church
<i>Pr. Steve Solberg</i>	-	Immanuel Lutheran Church
<i>Fr. Larry Van Damme</i>	-	St. Paul Catholic Church