



**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

<sup>21</sup>Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! <sup>22</sup>Do 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. <sup>23</sup>O 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.

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

<sup>25</sup>I 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. <sup>26</sup>You 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. <sup>27</sup>You 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**

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

<sup>2</sup>**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.”**

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

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

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

## **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7**

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For 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*

**# 840**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 25-33**

The holy gospel according to...

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>25</sup>“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? <sup>26</sup>Look 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? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But 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? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But 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*

**# 870**

## 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*

# 689

**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*

# 881

**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