

**RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**THANKSGIVING LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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*Thanksgiving celebrations run the risk of feeling trite. How can we give thanks when the premise of this holiday is an extension of genocide and stolen land? How can we give thanks when our world is so profoundly broken? How can we give thanks when many have just spent the weekend navigating loneliness, strained relationships, difficult conversations, and painful family dynamics? The shallow proclamation of thanks that we often hear in Thanksgiving worship services just doesn't ring true. Therefore in today's Thanksgiving Lessons and Carols service, we seek to explore both our pain and God's call to gratitude—gratitude which keeps hope alive, which carries the promise of resurrection, and which connects us to our Creator. Let us join our hearts in worship. \*\**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Duane Graber, worship leader

\*HYMN #94

*Come, ye thankful people*

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nancy Grittman

SCRIPTURE

*The parable of the mustard seed*

Mark 4:30-32

SERMON

*Little things, big outcomes*

ANTHEM

*The Lone Wild Bird* arr. Larkin/RP Kaufman  
Jesse Graber, violin; Nick Schroeder, solo

**WE RESPOND AND SHARE**

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.*

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful\*\*\**

Chord progression: Dm C F Bb C Dm C F C Bb A 3

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-  
El Se-nyor és la me-va for-ça, el Se-nyor el me-u cant. Ell m'hae-stat la sal-va-ci-

Chord progression: Dm C F Bb C Am Dm Bb C fine F Dm C

fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the  
ó. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. El Se-

## OFFERING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have an announcement please write it down and give it to the worship leader or pastor prior to the worship service. The worship leader or pastor will share all of the announcements at once as opposed to passing the microphone. Note that children and youth are exempt from this request.*

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

### \*HYMN #96

*We plow the fields and scatter*



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

*6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in Ruth's office.*

### \*SENDING FORTH SJ#148

*Advent begins next Sunday, which means it is time to change out the songbooks. Therefore as you exit the sanctuary, please bring your green Sing the Journey songbooks with you and place them in the designated box by either door.*

### \*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

\*\*Adapted from a Thanksgiving Lessons and Carols liturgy created by Corinne Freedman Ellis and Jeanyne Slettom ( <https://processandfaith.org/thanksgiving-lessons-carols/>)

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Anthem text: *The Lone Wild Bird*, text by Henry McFadyen and Marty Haugen

The lone wild bird in lofty flight  
Is still with Thee nor leaves Thy sight  
And I am Thine, I rest in Thee  
Great Spirit come and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand  
The sea's dark deep and far off land  
And I am Thine I rest in Thee  
Great Spirit come and rest in me.

Each secret thought is known to you  
The path I walk my whole life through  
My days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears  
My deepest joys, my silent fears

In secret depths you knit my frame  
Before my birth you spoke my name  
Within my soul as close as breath  
So near to me in life in death

O search me God, my life reveal  
Renew my life my spirit heal  
For I am thine, I look to thee  
Great Spirit come and rest in me.

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