

ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 23, 2014

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Karla Leuenberg, Accompanist

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Now We Give Thanks*

Patterson

WorshipArts participants

Abigail Grittman and Eva Parsons, soloists

WELCOME

Renee Reimer, Worship Leader

*INVOCATION

*HYMN #86

Now thank we all our God

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nancy Grittman

PSALM 100

Response:



5 The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas - es; God's mer-cies nev - er _

9 come to an end. They are new ev-ery morn-ing, new ev-ery morn-ing

great is your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON

Uncommon gratitude

ANTHEM

O God Beyond All Praising

Holst, arr. Forrest

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

- Introductions
We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.
- Joys and Concerns
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 at the front of the sanctuary.
- Prayers of the People
- Announcements
- Offering

*HYMN #94

Come, ye thankful people



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

*SENDING FORTH

- L: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give us wisdom so that we will know what is the hope to which we have been called and what is the immeasurable greatness, according to the working of God's great power.
- C: **God put this power to work in Christ making him the head for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

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

TRUE TREASURES

Next Sunday November 30 we begin the season of Advent, a time to contemplate the arrival of Hope and Peace Incarnate, Jesus. We will consider these questions: What true treasures do the prophets point us to and how did Jesus embody those said treasures? And do these true treasures of hope, joy, justice, peace and love impact how we relate to and share our resources of time, talent and money? What word of hope might we hear this Advent that will help us avoid the trappings of thoughtless consumerism and materialism?

Several Rainbow members have been asked to reflect on these questions in a 500-word essay about thoughtful consuming, their version of “more with less.” Each Sunday of Advent, a different reflection will be printed as an insert in our worship bulletin.

Consider this an invitation to everyone to do such an exercise. If you were to write a poem like the one below, or if you were to write an essay about true treasures, inspired by the hope and peace that Jesus offers the world, what would you include?

My Symphony

To live content with small means,
To seek elegance rather than luxury,
and refinement rather than fashion.
To be worthy not respectable,
and wealthy not rich.
To study hard, think quietly, talk gently,
act frankly, to listen to stars, birds, babes,
and sages with open heart, to bear all cheerfully,
do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never.
In a word, to let the spiritual,
unbidden and unconscious,
grow up through the common.
This is to be my symphony.

-William Ellery-Channing

Now **Here** God

Here is a place to write down or draw what you sense about God in the here and now.

What do you want to remember well from this day?

What is speaking to you most deeply in this time of worship?

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