

NOVEMBER 22, 2015

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Sallie Page-Goertz, Worship Leader

L: Holy Mystery, we gather to give ourselves in thanks and celebration.
We come from many places, filled with hopes and fears,
searching for a quiet spot to rest and contemplate.

C: We gather here to be your people.

L: We come, bearing thanks for the harvests of our lives.

C: For the bounty of family and friendships, we give thanks.

L: For rest in green pastures and nourishment in surprising places,
we give thanks.

**C: For unexpected possibilities, new hopes, new calls to service and love,
we give thanks. Amen.**

*HYMN #86

Now thank we all our God

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sallie Page-Goertz

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:2-11

HYMN #90

For the fruit of all creation

REFLECTIONS

In search of genuine, communal faith
Ruth Harder and Joshua Chittum

*NEW MEMBER RESPONSE

Joshua, we freely receive you, even as Christ has received us. We open ourselves to fellowship with you in worship, study, service, and discipline. We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel, to offer and accept forgiveness in the redeemed community. We joyfully accept you as a partner, both in the care of our spiritual family, and in our mission to the world.

ANTHEM

The Promise of Living
See next page for text

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(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for Community Building time)

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.

SHARING JOY

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 at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #391

God, whose form is all creation



Children in K - 5th 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.

6-12th grade women are dismissed to Ruth's office for choir rehearsal

*SENDING FORTH

L: Let this be our prayer:

**C: That our love will overflow more and more
with knowledge and full insight.**

L: Grace and peace to all.

All: Amen.

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

The Promise of Living

Thanksgiving Song from “The Tender Land” opera
Words by Horace Everett, Music by Aaron Copland

The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving
Is born of our loving our friends and our labor
The promise of growing with faith and with knowing
Is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor.

The promise of living, the promise of growing
Is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.

For many a year we've known these fields
and known all the work that makes them yield
Are you ready to lend a hand?
We're ready to work, we're ready to lend a hand.
By working together we'll bring in the harvest, the blessing of harvest
We plant each row with seeds of grain,
And Providence sends us the sun and the rain,
By lending a hand, by lending an arm
Bring out from the farm the blessing of harvest.

Give thanks there was sunshine, give thanks there was rain,
Give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain,
O let us be joyful, O let us be grateful to the Lord for His blessing.

The promise of ending in right understanding
is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbor.

The promise of living, the promise of growing
The promise of ending is labor and sharing and loving.

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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