

November 26, 2023
Thanksgiving Sunday

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am

Faith Formation for children and youth 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Duane Graber, worship leader

*HYMN VT 114

Now Thank We All Our God

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER
VT 489

Gathering for Cross-Lines
Bless This Food and Bless your People

LITANY OF THANKS VT 881

Leader: God of cosmos and quarks,

**People: God of rainbows and roly-polies,
God of electricity and enzymes—**

Leader: You created the earth and proclaimed it good.

**People: The galaxies and planets are known to you,
yet also the hairs on our heads.**

Leader: You cradle all things in the palm of your hand,
supporting us with love.

**People: We magnify your name for our creation
and for all the blessings of this life.**

**ALL: *Sustain in us a spirit of awe
for how you continue
to be present in the world,
and help us to act with love
for all that you have created. Amen.***

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HYMN VT 124

For the Fruit of All Creation

SCRIPTURE

John 7:37-38

On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted,

“All who are thirsty should come to me!
All who believe in me should drink!
As the scriptures said concerning me,
Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.”

SERMON

Ruth Harder

*HYMN VT 536

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

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.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks 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.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 123

Come, Ye Thankful People

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

Advent Travelers

All Are We

Sat., Dec. 2, 9 am-noon Christmas Decorating

Join the Visual Arts Committee as they fill the sanctuary with light and color. Due to another event happening that day at Rainbow (see below), we have to finish before noon, so we need lots of eager help. We'll have easy tasks for everyone. Questions? Contact Jan Buerge (see email above)

Also on Sat., Dec. 2, noon-6pm Art Market hosted by the KC Indian Center

This public event will be hosted in Rainbow Fellowship Hall. Enjoy Native American food and dance exhibitions and purchase art, jewelry and more from indigenous artists.

Sun., Dec. 3, Advent 1 Communion Observance

Wed., Dec. 6, 6:15 pm Menno Nites & Bites meal hosted by Deacons

Sat., Dec. 16, Christmas Program rehearsal TBD

Sun., Dec. 17

First Hour Worship: Choral presentation of *Carols and Lullabies of the Southwest*, collection of Spanish carols that reminds one of, as the composer says, ". . . a Southwestern piñata party for the new baby." Accompanied by harp, guitar, marimba and vibraphone.

Second Hour Christmas Program presented by Rainbow children & youth

Sun., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Advent 4 worship service at 10:30 am with no second hour

Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 31 New Years Eve Day

Worship service at 10:30 am with no second hour; Bring your leftover Christmas goodies to share during fellowship time

Additional information re. children/youth: Willing participants, grades 1-12 will join Sara Mwangura (and at least one other adult) in the Rainbow Room during the worship service (we'll dismiss them after the Scripture reading and meet until the end of the service) on the following dates. Note: there will still be Sunday School and bell practice as usual these days. **Nov. 26-** Grades 4-12 only: (Painting of backdrops, wear appropriate clothing); **Dec. 3-** All, Grades 1-12; **Dec 10-** All, including PreK- K

Cross-Lines Christmas Store

Sun. Nov 26: Bring donations of peanut butter and bisquick

Dec. 4-9: Christmas Store open; to volunteer sign-up here <https://volunteersignup.org/XXKDA>

The Cross-Lines Christmas Store, which has existed since 1970, provides about 350-400 Wyandotte County families with the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Each family receives a gift card for clothing or other items, toys, household items, and groceries. The hope is to provide families with joy, as well as the dignity and respect of choosing and gifting brand-new presents to their families. Rainbow has long been in charge of the food portion of the store.

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