

Sunday, March 10, 2024,
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

MV 18

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Call to Worship: (from Psalm 107)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

ALL: GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.

**ALL: LET THEM THANK THE LORD FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE, FOR HIS
WONDERFUL WORKS TO HUMANKIND.**

One: And let them offer thanksgiving and sacrifices,

ALL: AND TELL OF HIS DEEDS WITH SONGS OF JOY.

Opening Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

VU 670

**1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
 lead me on, let me stand,
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 through the storm, through the night,
 lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**2 When my way grows drear,
 precious Lord, linger near,
 when my life is almost gone,
 hear my cry, hear my call,
 hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**3 When the darkness appears,
 and the night draws near,**

**and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Prayer of Approach: (VU. 110)

**God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way
where Christ leads us;
help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us;
fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.
in his holy name we pray. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 those 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

First Reading: Ephesians 2: 1 - 10

Children's Time:

Reading: John3: 11 - 17

We Listen

Minute for Mission: Marianne Tomlinson

Gradual Hymn: He Leadeth Me

VU 657 vs 1, 3,4

**1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me!**

**3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. R**

**4 And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
even death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. R**

Meditation: Amazing Grace

Musical Offering: Freely Given

We Respond

Offertory: Give Thanks

**Give thanks, with a grateful heart,
Give thanks, to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, I am strong.
Let the poor say, I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

VU 236

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,**

**in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**In temple, synagogue,
from minaret and steeple,
let songs of praise ring out
from all God's faithful people,
to One who gives us hope,
in times of deep despair,
that peace will come one day,
and justice will be fair.**

**Sing praise and thanks to God
whose rule in love is grounded,
who cares for all our needs
with grace that is unbounded,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was and is,
and shall be evermore.**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: This Day God Gives Me

VU 410 vs 2,3

- 2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.**

- 3 God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.**