



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

November 22, 2020

Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome, Announcements

Greeting

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

Know that the Holy One is God.

We are God's people.

Worship the Holy One with gladness;

Come into God's presence with singing.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Make a joyful noise!

For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship with thanks and joy! Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!

Gathering Song For the Beauty of the Earth

Lighting the Candle and Words of Invocation

Let this light open our eyes to the way of love that we might see God's brilliant light shining into the hidden places of our hearts and the darkened places of the world. Gracious God, we long to know you better. Open us to recognize your presence, to receive you fully, and to be ready to follow your leading today. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, too often, we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick.

We fail to see how our prison system diminishes the humanity of all of us, how our medical system denies healing to the poor, how poverty leaves children without coats.

Open our eyes to see your presence in every person, and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Ezekiel 34:11-12)

Though we wander, God searches us out. Speaking through Ezekiel, God said, "As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick gloom." God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer. Hear this good news: you are forgiven and free.

Sung Response "In All Things We Give Thanks"

Time with Children

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

Message

Special Music "It Is Well"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Blessing of Build A Meal food donations

Prayer of Dedication for offering given this week

God of abundance, we give these offerings of material goods
as our commitment to give back to you and to care for your people.

Let our giving remind us to see Jesus all around us.

Use our offerings of money and of our lives for ministry to your purposes. Amen.

Sending Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Benediction

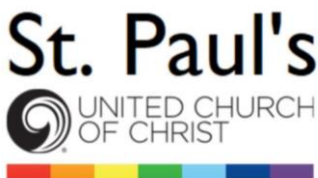
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Scripture Leader: Ken Volkening

Special Music: Linda Schambach

Time With Children: Ginny Mursewick

Zoom Info for Sunday, November 22, 2020 9:30 AM Worship

Or Call 312-626-6799

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82834464027?pwd=ZkNubFhjV0U4V2tnRG5ydGpITitEZz09>

Meeting ID: 828 3446 4027

Passcode: 501622

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and fore very heart renewed: [Refrain]

It Is Well (Horatio Gates Spafford, Kristene DiMarco, Philip Paul Bliss)

Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of His voice
Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard

And through it all, through it all, My eyes are on You; through it all, through it all, It is well
Through it all, through it all, My eyes are on You, And it is well with me

And far be it from me to not believe, even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea

And through it all, through it all, My eyes are on You; through it all, through it all, It is well
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, And it is well It is well

So take hold my soul and trust in Him, The waves and wind still know His name x3
The waves and wind still know His name, And it is well with my soul

It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well, It is well with my soul x2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.



Elgin Community Thanksgiving – Nov 22 at 4:00 PM

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Hosted by Coalition for Elgin Religious Leaders (CERL)