

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The Rev. Paul Grenon

The Rev. Johanna Marcure

Pastor Kim Nelson, Preaching

The Rev. Effie McAvoy

The Rev. Dante Tavolaro



*I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your marvelous works. Psalm 9:1*

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Online

Order of Service
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Prelude *Intrada*

Johann Christoph Pezel
arr. By Roland Martin

Call to Worship

The Rev. Effie McAvoy

Gracious God we have come to praise you! We are Baptists, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and Methodists and we are all siblings in Christ.

As we gather together, let us leave behind our worries and stress. Let us let go of our unrealistic desires for the perfect holiday. Rather, let us open our hearts to God's grace all around us. Let us take a pause and count our blessings.

Hymn *Let all things now living*

Prayer of the Day

The Rev. Paul Grenon

Priest Let us pray.

The Prayer of the Day is then read

Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 100

The Rev. Dante Tavolaro

Jubilate Deo

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
 serve the LORD with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

First Reading Colossians 3:1– 4, 12-14

Pastor Kim Nelson

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Pastor Here ends the Reading.

The People remain seated.

Homily

Pastor Kim Nelson

Offertory Anthem *Faith-Filled Generosity* Steven West and Heather Moore
Trinity Singers
Pat Cichy, Organist — Roger Cichy, Choir Director

Litany of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Johanna Marcure

You who are the Mystery at the heart of all things, source of all that is, to you we give thanks.

For the gift of Creation, and the wonder of this world, we thank you.

For every creature and the web of all living things to which we belong, we thank you.

For the gift of life, and the miracle that we are able to gather virtually today, we thank you.

For gifts of sight and hearing, the gift of movement and touch, and for all the wonders that we behold, we thank you.

For all the people who have blessed us, we thank you.

For all our loved ones, for any who have taught us, helped us, loved us, accompanied us or prayed for us, we thank you.

For the food we eat, and all those around the world who provide it, we thank you.

May our gratitude overflow to others, especially those who do not have what we do;

May our thanks take form in giving and in working for the world you intend for us. O God, fountain of our souls and earth of our lives, we thank you, and pray that we may always live in humility, gratitude and joy. Amen.

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Peace

The Rev. Paul Grenon

The Priest says to the people

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

Prayer of Peace

The Rev. Effie McAvoy

God, when we close our eyes to this world
 may your presence nudge us awake.
When we are weary and ready to quit,
 may your passion for this world energize us.
When we are hopeless, may your gaze raise us up.
 When we are afraid, may your love enfold us.
When we are angry and want to blame,
 may your kindness sweep us off our feet.
When we are bitter and ready to fight,
 may your forgiveness quiet us

When we find ourselves in a land of sorrow,
 may your presence accompany us.
When we are broken and we despair,
 may your delight make us whole.
God of grace, as you send us into this world
 may your hope live in us, your love, your joy.

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The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Dante Tavolaro

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.

Benediction

The Rev. Johanna Marcure

Closing Hymn *Now thank we all our God*

Dismissal

All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Postlude *Courante*

Johann Christoph Pezel
arr. By Roland Martin

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