

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church
Worship Bulletin
Sunday, November 22, 2020

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim Nolen

GATHERING PRAYER

PRELUDE

“We, Your People, Praise You”

arr. Dan R. Edwards

Susan Whipple, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

God calls us into relationship with himself:

*and forms us into one holy people,
the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.*

Therefore, we will offer thanks and praise to God.

O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

***HYMN 555**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!*

*All praise and thanks to God Who reigns in highest heaven;
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.;
The one eternal God, whom heav’n and earth adore;
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Every day we walk by the colors green, yellow or blue and we barely notice the beauty. We look at loved ones and forget to appreciate the gift that they are. Every day God's extravagant gifts surround us, fill us, and connect us with others; many times we do not even notice. Forgive us, great gifting God. Forgive us for our selfishness and our self-centeredness. Forgive us for our personal drive and goals that get in the way of your call to us. Forgive us for taking so much for granted – even the salvation you offer us through Jesus Christ. We cling now to the redemption you offer through His death and resurrection. May we live moment by moment, remembering this unsurpassable gift.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come and hear what God has done: Even when we don't notice, God's extravagant gifts continue to surround us, and fill us, and connect us.

May we be thankful people, connecting with God's Spirit through all of our lives, and remembering God's goodness through easy and difficult times.

Let us particularly be thankful for the wondrous gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Through Christ we are forgiven people, cleansed and sent forth to live in thanksgiving!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rachel Lawson

ANTHEM

"A Thanksgiving Prayer"

Don Besig

Richard Brown and Eileen Butler

Thank you, Lord for loving us all. For your gifts both great and small.

For the faith which keeps us strong. Now we join in thankful song.

For the beauty all around, every sight and every sound;

For the love and friendship we share. Lord we bow in thankful prayer.

We gather together to share in God's blessings:

The colors of autumn, the blossoms of spring,

The gift of creation, the promise of salvation,

For all His many wonders, our thanks now we bring.

Now we join in worship and praise. Now with joy our voices we raise.

All of us here united this day offering God all glory and praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34:11-31

SERMON

“Good Sheep”

Rev. Collin Adams

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You, Lord, are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bill Ketchie

OFFERTORY and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious, generous God. We thank you for the ways you have gifted each of us. We know that you give us gifts for a purpose: to use in this world to serve the needs of others and to bring joy into the world. Give us courage, confidence, and insight as we seek to serve you by honing and sharing our gifts. Thank you for continuing to share yourself with us. Thank you that we do not go alone. Amen.

HYMN 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*By law God enforces the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare and Postlude"

Janet Correll