

Prelude

Call to Worship

When forces in the world threaten us, when our bodies or spirits turn against us,
there is One who seeks us,

One who meets us,

One who heals us,

whose love washes over us

and sets us free for joy.

We praise our God of ever-present help.

Anthem

“Canon of Praise”

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Hymn #36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 17:11-17

Time for all God’s Children

We Bless Each Other

Kids: God be with you as you stay. **Congregation:** God be with you as you go.

Sermon

Hymn

God, Your Blessings Overflow Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
(Tune #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth")

God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say?
How can we begin to show, All our gratitude this day?
God, we join to worship you, Giving thanks for all you do.

Thank you for the life you give, For each friend and family,
For the land in which we live, For your love that sets us free.
Thank you, God, for daily bread, And for feasts of joy you spread.

Yet at tables where we share, Sometimes there is also pain.
There may be an empty chair: When will we feel whole again?
When our days of grief are long, Thank you that your love is strong.

So we join in thanks this day, So your gifts we freely share,
So we follow Christ the Way, Loving, serving everywhere.
Spirit, may our lives express, All our daily thankfulness.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us to hearts of thanksgiving,

but we grumble and complain, missing your blessings all around us.

Your creation is full of diverse voices

but we dismiss 'outsiders' as having little to teach us. Forgive us.

Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts —

the spirit of power, love, and self-discipline —

that with faith in Christ, we might be made new

and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kin-dom.

Assurance of Pardon

...Community of faith hear and share the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God.

Our Response to Grace #654

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

Offering Invitation and Dedication

Prayers of the People

Sending Hymn #295

“Go to the World”

Our Life Together

Blessing and Charge

Postlude