

“Let All Creation Give Thanks”



Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday
After Pentecost
November 21, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME Shannon Jackson

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

*OPENING HYMN # 591 (vs 1,2)
"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Shannon Jackson
Leader: Be glad and rejoice, for God has done great things.
Our mouths are filled with laughter and shouts of joy.
People: A harvest of abundance surrounds us. We will eat in plenty and be satisfied.
Leader: Praise God for all the bounty we enjoy. Give thanks for every good and perfect gift.
People: We lay aside our worries and our fears. God has dealt wondrously with us, and we rejoice.
Leader: Seek first God's realm of righteousness. Let God reign in all your thoughts and relationships.
People: We know God is with us here. We trust God to supply what we most need.

*INVOCATION (in unison)
How good it is to join in prayers of thanksgiving and songs of praise! You have been good to us, gracious God! For sunshine and rain, for the labors of all who harvest the grain, we pour out our gratitude. You have dealt wondrously with us so that we have more than we need. Dwell with us now that we may not only be inspired to share but also prompted to work for a more just world in which all your children have enough to eat and reasons for joy. Amen.

*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri # 614

MORNING PRAYER Pastor Mary
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CONTEMPORARY SONG "Give Thanks"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 126 Shannon Jackson
Joel 2: 21-27 (NRSV) Pastor Mary

SERMON "Let All Creation Give Thanks" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Pastor Mary
Let our offerings be a joyous outpouring of thanksgiving to God, who deals wondrously with us. Out of gratitude, we respond to the needs of people nearby and far away who long for a crust of bread and a cup of pure water.

OFFERTORY "Great Are You, Lord" Katie Maurer
(Leonard, Ingram, Jordan)

*RESPONSE "Doxology" # 621

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)
We have bread, so we will share. We have pure water, so we will give to dig wells for others. We have faith, so we will tell others of the great things you have done.

*CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" # 364 (vs 1,3)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE