

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday

November 17, 2019

7:00 p.m.

***Worshippers
may stand as
able.**

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts"

W. Held

CALLED TOGETHER

INTROIT

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 14, v. 1

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the season to remember and to give thanks:

To remember that we do not create the earth from which we reap.

And to give thanks to God for calling us to till the soil;

To remember that others share the toil that brings forth the harvest.

And to give thanks to God for calling us to love and serve our neighbors.

Bless us, dear Lord, as we come together to praise your name and to offer thanks.

*HYMN NO. 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

Ash Grove

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God. You are the maker of heaven and earth;

but we abuse and exploit your creation while others hunger and thirst.

Your generosity is without measure;

but we heap up treasure for ourselves while others struggle in poverty.

You offer freedom to all in your Spirit;

but we enjoy the blessings of liberty while others remain in bondage.

Your faithful love endures forever;

but we respond with a fickle love while others are trampled underfoot.

Have mercy on us, O God. Redeem broken promises, bring justice to this land, and help us to live in right relationship with you and one another. (silent prayers of confession) And all God's people say, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE "*The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!*"

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Leader (plain font)
**People (bold
font)**
All (bold italics)

The call to
worship is based
on a prayer in
*Litanies and
Other Prayers,
for the RCL,
Year C.*

The Confession
and Pardon are
based on prayers
from the "new"
*Book of
Common
Worship.*

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Look at the World"

J. Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Refrain: Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Refrain:

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer, bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Refrain:

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth, and His the heavens above.

Refrain:

Kelsey Rorrer, soprano

READING OF SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19

MEDITATION

"Returning to Thanks"

Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed.

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring,

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

When perils o'er take us, you never forsake us. And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

With voices united our praises we offer; our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.

To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

A REPORT FROM COMMON GROUNDS

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Today's offering will help fund Common Grounds.

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The prayer of
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OFFERTORY "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Nancy Wallace, piano

RESPONSE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

*HYMN NO. 643 "Now Thank We All Our God" *Nun Danket Alle Gott*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" No. 761, v. 1
**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" R. Wilson

**Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service
in the Fellowship hall.**

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Days and Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Our Mission

Heeding Jesus' call for unity in prayer and service, we of St. Agnes Catholic, Morris Memorial United Methodist, and Village Chapel Presbyterian Churches seek to unite the gifts of our faith communities for common services to those in need and assistance to all peoples regardless of nationality, age, sex, religious affiliation or handicap who are in need of assistance. Assistance is offered in a confidential, non-judgmental atmosphere.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." -- Matthew 25:40

Our History

In 2007 Father John McDonough of St. Agnes Catholic Church had a vision of opening a food bank for the poor. He shared his vision with Pastor Barry Moll of Morris Memorial United Methodist Church and he enthusiastically supported it as well. After presentations to their respective churches and receiving very positive responses, Common Grounds was born on September 1, 2007. Soon thereafter Village Chapel Presbyterian Church learned of this ecumenical mission outreach and joined in supporting this joint effort as well. Together the churches work in unity to fulfill Christ's work of serving those in need.

We'll be distributing Thanksgiving boxes on Tuesday, Nov. 26th, starting at 9 AM.

A Joint Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 17, 2019

7:00 PM



Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

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