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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God, As we gather to worship you we remember that we daily need your grace. Hear us now as we confess our sins to you

Silence for reflection

You have given us hearts capable of humility and gratitude but too often we are filled with arrogance. We forget that you are the source and giver of all that we have. We fail to give you our thanks and share with others out of that abundance. Nothing we have

finally belongs to us. It is all given from your generous hand. Forgive us for the times when we forget your graciousness and hold selfishly to what is yours rather than holding fast to what is good. Teach us again to give thanks and give of ourselves to those most in need.

God promises to forgive our shortcomings and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ

the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. Amen

Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance WOV 699

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine, Oh what a foretaste of glory divine. Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. (refrain)

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior, am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (refrain)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Generous, Life-Giving God, you teach us how to demonstrate gratitude through stories in the Bible where gratitude rises, is poured out, shouted in the streets. Ready us to give thanks for this life and your love, in every circumstance, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

A Good Day by Brother David Steindl-

Rast

Centering Song

I Am Thankful

Welcome the Word

Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

**Message
Siemens**

Give Thanks Song and Story Rosemary

Hymn of the Day

For the Fruit of All Creation WOV

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For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to evr'y nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are
sleeping, Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we
all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for

the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession **Merciful God, Receive our prayer**

Peace Offering

Offertory Response

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God.

Offering Prayer

God of Abundance, with hearts full of gratitude we return to you what you have first given to us; ourselves, our time and our possessions; signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Beautiful Savior LBW 518

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy,
my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of
blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our
sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Dismissal Go in peace. Be grateful. Be humble. Be kind. In Jesus' name. **Thanks be to God!**