

**Offertory Hymn: VU 227 v3 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.**

### **Offering Prayer**

**Gracious God, we thank you for the blessing that these gifts will enact in the world. There will be the blessings of worship, of community in Christ, of caring for others, and of ministries empowered. For the blessing of your presence, we give you thanks. Please use these gifts that we pass on to the church, and through the church to others, that all of us may be blessed with the knowledge of your love and care in word and in deed. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn: I Am The Light of the World VU 87 vv2-4**

### **To Depart in Faith**

#### **Commissioning and Benediction**

We are called to go forth. Jesus is indeed calling our names, calling us as he called Bartimaeus, calling us to discover again the grace of God at work in the world God loves so much.

Bartimaeus asked Jesus, "My teacher, let me see again."

**Jesus, Master, help us to pay attention, to notice, and to discover the ways God is at work through us, through this congregation, and in the world around.**

Go, knowing that the grace of God is working through you

***Closing VU 442 v1 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 pure light goes before us a pillar of fire shining forth in the night; till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest hosanna and praise.***

**Scripture readings for November 3 2024**

Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34

## **Meridian Pastoral Charge**

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Welcome and Announcements.

### **Acknowledging the Territory**

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have lived on and cared for this land, Manitoba, a name from Cree meaning: 'The Place of the Great Spirit; in the country we call Canada—a name from Huron meaning 'Village.' **As a community of faith on Treaty 1 Territory, we seek right relations with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples, to learn from each other, to live on this land as brothers and sisters, with respect and gratitude for all creation and The Creator.**

**Introit VU 291 chorus All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: in love God make them all.**

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Greeting:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Response: And also with you.**

### **Call to Worship**

We gather as part of God's great diversity,  
**made in God's image, you and I.**

We sing the Creator's love song of life,  
**giving voice to the sacred, deep in our hearts.**

We risk hope as the Jesus movement,  
**called to bold discipleship in our time.**

We embrace the Spirit who moves in and through,  
**pressing us to daring conspiracies of love and justice.**  
Holy Three, Holy One, we come together in worship.

## **Christ Candle**

We light this candle to remind ourselves and to celebrate your constant presence. May we always seek your guiding light in our lives. and we are called to carry that light into the world.

**HYMN:** VU 408 Morning Has Broken

## **Prayer of Approach**

**Spirit of the Living God, the messages waiting for us to discover in the holy scriptures today tell us that your powerful spirit of love desires to reconcile us to you. Whether we find ourselves feeling vulnerable and forgotten or acting closed-minded and hard-hearted, you call us to you and ask, "What do you want me to do for you?" In your great love for us, you gently touch and name our pain. In your great love for us, you gently help us to realize our shortcomings. Today, in our desire for wholeness, let us recognize our need for reunion with you, which will give us boldness to act on your message of love, grace, and hope. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Steadfast God, creator of all that is good, we enter your presence with fear in our hearts. The world echoes with the cries of your suffering children. Our faith is tested by the growing shadows, and there are times when it seems our endurance will run out. Gracious God, let this time of confession renew our hope. In a time of silence, we share with you the wounds of our souls. In faith, we trust that you will heal these wounds and renew our hope.

**Response:** MV 115 **Behold** (Behold) **Behold** (Behold) **I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today. Behold** (Behold) **Behold** (Behold) **I make all things new, my promise is true for I am Christ the way.**

## **Words of Assurance**

People of God, receive the Good News! With a joyous heart, God shares the gift of grace. Through this sharing, we are healed and made whole. In the healing, we discover God's call to be witnesses to hope that will bring healing to others!

**Response:** VU 218 v3 With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing, to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

## **Story Time**

**HYMN:** VU 371 Open My Eyes That I May See

**First Scripture Reading Hebrews 7:23-28** This is the story of God's people. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Reading Psalm 34 VU 761**

**Gospel Mark 10:46-52**

This is the story of Jesus. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## **To Respond to the Word of God**

### **Reflection**

**HYMN: VU 672 Take Time to be Holy**

### **Minute for Mission**

**Offering Invitation:** The Scriptures remind us how much we depend on God's goodness. Jesus invites us to serve in the world as he did. Our offering is one way we give God thanks and serve those who depend on our kindness as well as God's.