

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: VU 481 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

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 884 You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; they'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands! And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy!

Scripture readings for November 3 2024

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

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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 395 Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

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 4 All the Earth Is Waiting

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: VU 662 Lead me God, lead me in your righteousness, make your way plain before my face. For it is you, and you God only, who makes me to dwell in safety.

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: Halle, Halle, Halle.

HYMN: VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

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*

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 238 How Great Thou Art

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.

Offertory Hymn: VU 541 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.