

Trinitarian Congregational Church
TakeOut
November 21, 2021

Bells

Announcements

Prelude

“We Gather Together”
Dutch folk song, arranged for piano duet by Robert D. Vandall.

Call to Worship

Michele Lawler

One: Be glad and rejoice, for God has done great things.

All: We give thanks to God for every good and perfect gift.

One: Those who seek God’s realm will be blessed.

All: May God reign in all our thoughts and actions.

One: Let us honor our God with the fruit of our labor.

All: We rejoice in the privilege of sharing God’s bounty.

Gathering Prayer

Michele Lawler

How good it is to join in prayers of thanksgiving and songs of praise! You have been good to us, gracious God! For the abundance of the earth, for fruitful labors and loving relationships, 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 be inspired to share your blessings and strive for a world in which all your children will have enough to eat and reasons to rejoice. Amen.

Gloria Patri

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, reign without end. Amen, amen.

Scripture

Psalm 126

Michele Lawler

Originally written in memory of the end of the Babylonian Exile, this psalm because a ‘song of accent’, used by the Jews on their pilgrimage to Jerusalem on ‘high holy days’. It takes the memory of God’s restoration ‘then’, and brings it forward to ‘now’. It is both a petition for help and a declaration of trust and confidence. It is an appropriate Psalm as the church celebrates the ‘holy day’ of Thanksgiving. The psalm speaks to the church about giving thanks to God for all God has done and to seek God’s continuing work of restoration, for God’s people and for the world.

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

We come to you today, Gracious God, with genuine, grateful hearts. More than celebrating a harvest and season, we celebrate the wonder of your love and faithfulness and care. We thank you for Jesus Christ, the power of his truth and his work of grace. We thank you for your Spirit, who teaches us and guides us into lives of genuine thanks-giving. We long O God, to be a people of blessing and so we come before you now, seeking your power to live according to your abundant goodness.

We pray for your church and for this congregation. May we be ever mindful of the great resources you entrust to us and be wise and faithful in our service to your world. May we proclaim your grace and share your abundance where it is needed most.

We pray for our world and all its leaders. May they perceive the abundance of your blessings as your gift for all people, and may they strive to establish equity and peace for all peoples. We pray also for all who are suffering today. Grant your tender healing to the ill, your deep comfort to the sorrowful, and your abundant provision to the needy. We thank you for... and we ask your continued care for...

We thank you and praise you, Glorious God, for all your goodness and mercy to us, through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Choral Response

Remember Me

Offering

Let our offerings be a joyous outpouring of thanksgiving to God, who deals so wonderfully with us. Out of gratitude, let us dedicate our gifts, for the ministries of this church, that we may serve all those in need. Let us pray.

We give, gracious God, because we are thankful. We have all we need from your hands and so we give that others may be sustained in body and soul. In these sacred moments we acknowledge your blessing in our lives and your call to faithful stewardship and devoted service, and so we thank you for the pledges given by your people in faith, love, commitment and courage. Use them to your glory. Amen.

Doxology

(choose the one that is best for your faith)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below,
praise him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that Love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen

***Common Commission**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Benediction**

Go now into the world

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 adj.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Postlude

“The Gift of Love”
English Melody, setting by John Carter

music provided by Chris Harris and Lynne Walker