

# Community Thanksgiving Worship



November 19, 2023

# WELCOME

*This service in West Columbia, SC  
is planned and lead by pastors in the West Metro Clergy Association.  
Clergy meet to discuss and learn of the local needs of the community.  
Habitat for Humanity is one part of this clergy's focus this year.  
The Association desires to seek justice for the community.*

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!  
There is a nursery for our children, should you wish to drop them off.  
Please see the ushers for directions to the nursery and the restrooms.*

*Again welcome ...*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.  
Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

*We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

**PRELUDE** *Chorale Prelude on Now Thank We All Our God*  
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## THE GATHERING

*We stand and face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked  
at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**Blessed be God,**  
the one who forms us,  
† Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.  
**Amen.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father,  
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
that comes from heaven:

*who knew you and chose you before the world began.*

who loves you so much that he calls you his own children.

*who has brought you from darkness into light  
and filled you with his glorious power.*

who has prepared an inheritance for you  
that will never spoil or fade.

*who encourages and strengthens you  
in every good deed and word.*

who comforts you in your troubles  
so that you can comfort others.

*This is our God, the ultimate source of all things,  
and the One for whom we live.*

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.  
Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.

***We worship God together!***

*Please turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

As children of the One true God, we acknowledge our need for a merciful and forgiving God.

*Silence for reflection.*

**Holy One,  
we confess that we are not awake for you.  
We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
We forget the least of our siblings.  
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.  
We are infected by sin  
that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to your coming,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation.  
Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive our sins † and lead us to eternal life.  
**Amen.**

*As the cross passes your pew, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the front of the sanctuary.*

# HYMN

## *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*And also with you.*

# KYRIE

Augsburg Fortress #SB153820



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

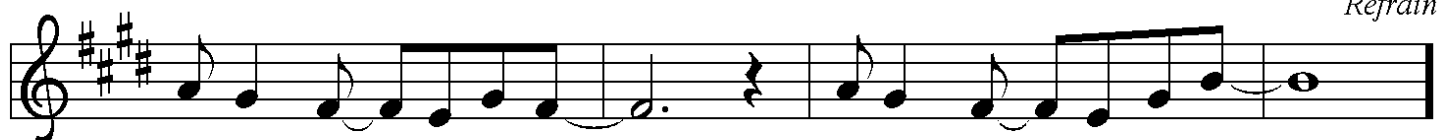
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*We pray together.*

**O God, when we have food,**

***help us to remember the hungry.***

**When we have work,**

***help us to remember the jobless.***

**When we have a home,**

***help us to remember the homeless.***

**When we are in pain,**

***help us to remember those who suffer.***

**And in remembering,**

***help us to destroy our complacency,***

***and be concerned enough to help. Amen.***

*We sit.*

## **THE WORD**

### **Deuteronomy 6: 4-9**

*A reading from Deuteronomy.*

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## PSALM 65

<sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you,  
O God, in Zion;  
and to you shall vows be performed,

<sup>2</sup>O you who answer prayer!  
To you all flesh shall come.

<sup>3</sup>When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>By your strength you established the mountains;  
you are girded with might.

<sup>7</sup>You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your  
signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening  
shout for joy.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

<sup>12</sup>The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,

<sup>13</sup>the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

*We stand.*

## MUSIC

## *Father, I Adore You*

Coelho/CCLI #26557

F Gm C F Gm

1 Fa - ther,  
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -  
3 Spir - it,

C F 3 Gm C F

fore you; how I love you.

## **Ephesians 3:14-21**

*A reading from Ephesians.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## **LITTLE ONE'S TIME**

**SERMON**

something to be thankful for



We stand.

# HYMN

# How Great Thou Art

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

## Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,***

***born of the virgin Mary,***

***suffered under Pontius Pilate,***

***was crucified, died, and was buried;***

***he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again;***

***he ascended into heaven,***

***he is seated at the right hand of the Father,***

***and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,***

***the holy catholic church,***

***the communion of saints,***

***the forgiveness of sins,***

***the resurrection of the body,***

***and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*After each petition:*

**Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.***

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

We sit.

# THE MEAL

## OFFERING

*Tonight's offering collected here in worship will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.*

## ANTHEM

## O God Beyond All Praising

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We stand.

## OFFERTORY

## Give Thanks

Smith/CCLI #20285



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

## OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.*

*God of all goodness,  
 generations have turned to you,  
 gathered around your table,  
 and shared your abundant blessings.  
 Number us among them that,  
 as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
 and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
 we may feast upon your very self  
 and care for all that you have made,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.*

## THE MEAL

*Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.  
 The Lord be with you.  
 And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.  
 We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way to everlasting life.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the seas; within each cell, with every breath. ***We praise you, O God.***

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. ***We bless you, O God.***

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. ***We thank you, O God.***

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

We sit.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread. Please consume it. The first tray is wine and the second tray is grape juice. Please consume it as you receive it. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.*

## **MUSIC**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

*African American Spiritual/OneLicense #21233*



*We stand.*

## **BLESSING**

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*We pray together.*

*Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way. Amen.*

## **THE SENDING**

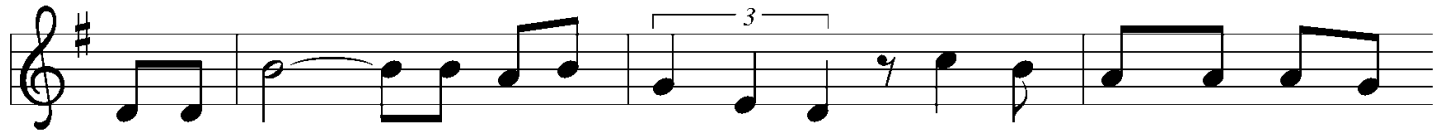
### **BLESSING**

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always. *Amen.*

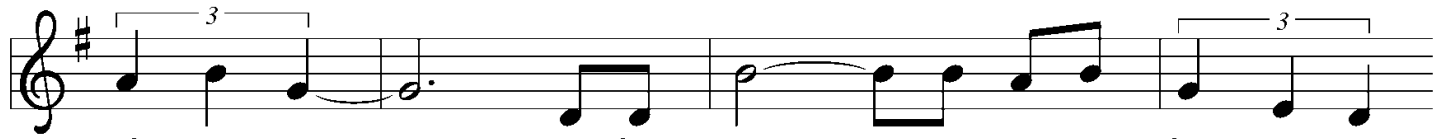
# HYMN

# We are Marching in the Light

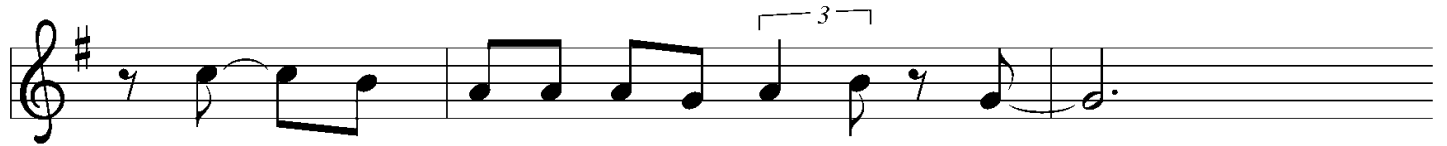
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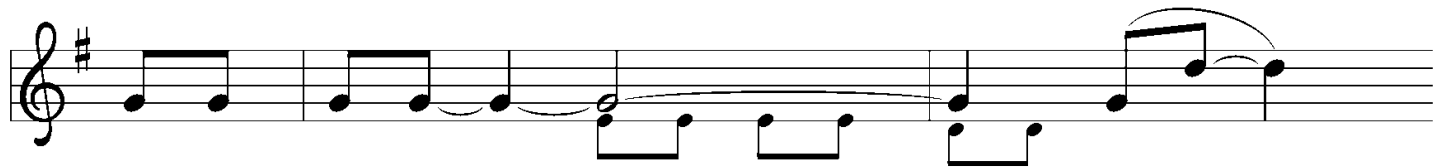
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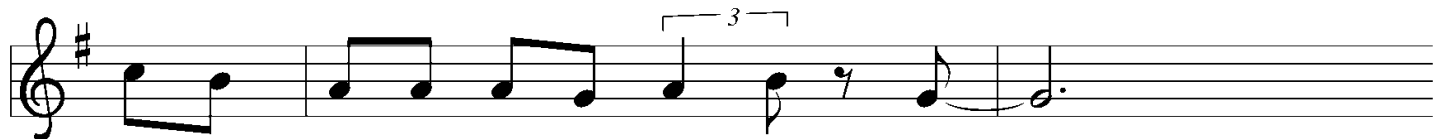
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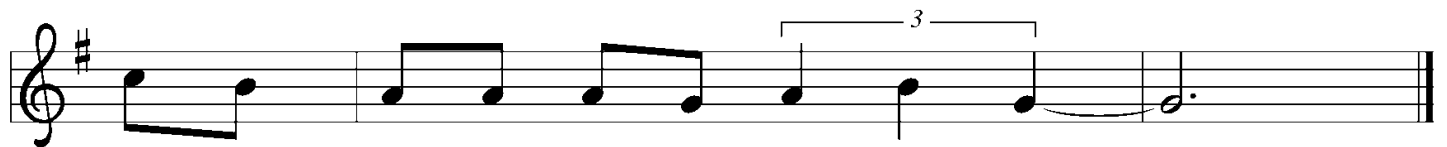
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

We are dancing. We are praying. We are thankful.

# POSTLUDE

# The Blessing

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #714700

The Lord bless you — and keep you,  
The Lord turn his — face toward you and give you peace. .  
— A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. D.C. || D.S. |  
-men, a — men. — men.

*As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.*

## **SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**We follow the light of Christ into the world.**

**We are God's people on a mission.**

***We have gathered. We have been fed.***

***Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.***

*This community gathering continues as we share a meal in the Fellowship Halll*

# WEST METRO CLERGY SERVING TONIGHT

Welcome, Announcements, & Holy Communion

*Rev. Gina D Metze, Mt Hermon Lutheran*

Readings

*Rev. Alexander H Twedt, Transfiguration Lutheran*

*Rev. Kenneth C Taylor, Turner AME*

Sermon

*Rev Meg Cook, Cayce United Methodist*

Prayers

*Rev. Dr. Arthur Turfa, Interim, Faith Lutheran*

Director of Music

*Svetlana Royal, Mt Hermon Lutheran*

Guest Organist

*Rick Knight, Transfiguration Lutheran*

*Joint Choirs from West Metro churches*

Ushers

*Ronnie Fulmer, Marion Leaphart*

Crucifer

*Quentin Kinard*

Acolyte

*Adelaide Bryant*

Live Streaming Crew

*Arron Kinard, Quentin Kinard*

Nursery

*Larry Amick, Kay Bryant*

Meal

*Mt Hermon Lutheran Church's Kitchen Crew*

**The altar flowers** that beautify the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jerry R Price, Sr. by the Price Families.