

Sunday, November 20, 2022

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRELUDE "This Is My Song" On screen

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: We call on God's name and make God's deeds known to all people!

Leader: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord. Consider God's wondrous works!

People: We give praises to God's holy name! All those seeking the Lord, let your hearts rejoice!

All: Let us worship God, on this Thanksgiving Sunday, with all our heart, soul, mind and strength!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG "There is a Balm In Gilead" ERPC Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, like a shepherd, you never stop searching for your people. Your care for us anticipates our needs. Before we recognized we needed your grace in love, Jesus gave his life for our forgiveness. We confess that we need your forgiveness still. We admit the times we have tried to take your place and take control ourselves. We admit that we have not always trusted your good news to be good for us. At times we have pleaded with you to care for us, but we have held back from caring for others and ignored others' needs.

Hear us, too, as we pray our own private confessions in silence [Pause for our confession.] Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us in the name of Jesus. Loving shepherd, teach us by the Holy Spirit to follow you in every moment that lies ahead. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

YOUNG DISCIPLES

K - 12th Grade students are invited to go downstairs to Sunday School

HYMN #559 "We Gather Together" On screen

PRAYER OF READINESS

Generous God, you have chosen to make yourself known to us in so many ways. We see you in the beauty of your creation, in Jesus the Word made flesh, in your written Word given to teach us, in the lives of your people surrounding us in community. As we open up the Scriptures now, open our eyes to your generous ways so that we can see you more clearly. Help us to live generously in response to your love. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

SERMON "On The Wings of Love: Our Response to Love "

Scripture Psalm 100

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To share a joy or concern: Click [HERE](#) or use the QR code.

OFFERING

To give online: Click [HERE](#), or use the QR code.

SONG: "All Good Gifts"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some elements of our worship today are adapted from the writings of Chip Hardwick on thepastorsworkshop.com, Rev Dan Carmichael, Minister of Lenzie Union Church posted on <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/> and Kevin Little, *Laura Smith as posted on the erpc.org website.*

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Join us for the Hanging of the Green!

Help decorate the Church for the Christmas season.

**Saturday November 26th
from 10 a.m. to noon.**

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