

**A Service of Song, Word, & Table**  
November 16, 2025

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**                      O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines      Gustav Holst  
Brock Willard, Tenor

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The God who is greater than we will ever understand,  
**is humbled to become one of us.**

The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,  
**gives us more grace than we ever realize.**

The God who is wiser than we will ever know,  
**teaches us all we need to become God's children.**

\* **HYMN**    Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Today we are all called to be  
Disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captives free,  
Make plow-share out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
Make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first,  
Our ease and comfort last.

2. God made the world and at its birth  
Ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth,  
Responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud,  
We sow not peace but strife,  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
That threatens all of life.

3. Pray justice may come rolling down  
As in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town  
To cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore  
An earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for  
A harmony of peace.

4. May we in service to our God  
Act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod  
Till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
Give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be  
Disciples of the Lord.

Tune: Kingsfold, Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Text: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985

### **A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Malachi 4:1-2a;  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

This is the Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**(11:00) MUSICAL RESPONSE** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me  
TFWS 2153

### **HOMILY**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE** Until Love is Spoken Karen Marroli  
Chancel Choir

**Call to Reconciliation**

God does not take our sins and stick them up on a shelf, in order to remember them - God forgets them! God does not hold them against us, but forgives us! Join me as we pray to the One who delights in us, as we say,

### **Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

**We confess that our lives weaken us, Strengthening God. We do not exercise our faith as we should, and so fatigue easily. We see houses as investment property, not as homes built on love, hope, and dreams. We whimper our petty complaints about our friends and families, rather than shouting our hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.**

**You are our hope, Tender God, so forgive us. Create in us new hearts, and fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers, bringing them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to them by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is observed*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Rather than remaining white hot, God's anger melts into streams of living water, washing us clean of our sins and refreshing our spirits with hope and joy.

**This day! This day we give thanks to the God who is our strength and our salvation. Praise God! Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**REGATHERING HYMN**      We Are Marching in the Light of God (vs 1)  
TFWS 2235-b

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Remind us, Holy God, that people draw hope, healing, feeding, and reconciliation from the wells of our generosity. So, encourage us to draw from the abundance that is ours to bless those around us, even if we do not know them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**      Make Me a Channel of Your Peace      Temple, arr.  
Holstein      Grace Notes

## DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung responses by Bill Tune

Behold, God is your salvation!

**And also yours!**

With joy, draw hope from our God.

**We will fill our hearts with the grace of our God.**

Say on this day, 'I will give thanks to God, who loves us.'

**Surely God is our song, and our salvation!**

When nothingness seemed to stretch  
into forever, you spoke, Mindful God,  
and the days of creation sprang forth,  
    throwing down all chaos,  
    shaping all that is marvelous and new  
    from its shattered pieces.

In our foolishness, we were led astray  
    by temptation and sin's sweet words,  
but the end did not follow immediately,  
for you sent the prophets to sing your praises.  
But though they spoke to us, we would not listen.  
So you sent your Beloved Child,  
rejoicing in him, so you could delight in your people.

So with busybodies and those who are never a burden,  
with our sisters and brothers from every time and place,  
we sing our songs of thanksgiving to you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Surely you are the One who saves us, Holy God,  
sending Jesus to become one of us, for us.  
He did not remain idly by your side,  
    but came so that we might  
    no longer be children of calamity.  
Betrayed by those who knew him,  
he was placed upon the cross,

but his opponents, sin and death,  
could not withstand the power of his love,  
or contradict his sacrifice on our behalf,  
for by the endurance of his faith,  
we gained our souls once again.

As we remember his death offered for us,  
as we celebrate his life shared with us,  
we speak of that mystery we know as faith:

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

Pour out your Spirit of grace and hope  
upon the Table and its simple gifts of life,  
and upon your people gathered in this place.  
On this day, as we are fed by the Bread of life,  
we will give thanks to you,  
even as we go to build houses for those who have none,  
to feed all who do not have enough to nourish them.  
On this day, as we drink from the Cup  
drawn from the springs of salvation,  
we will remember your great deeds,  
by opening our ears to the sound of weeping  
in among our friends, and those we do not know,  
offering relief to those who cry with distress.

And when all days have come to an end,  
and we discover that the Holy One is in our midst,  
we will cry aloud, singing out our joy to you,  
God in Community, Holy in One,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN IN YOUR HEART LANGUAGE)**

**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. Amen.**

**R3 Amen, amen, amen.**

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION**  
Cummings

Dr. Daniel

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\* SENDING HYMN** Guide My Feet (vs 1,2,3, 6) TFWS 2208

**BENEDICTION**

Now, God who cradles us in baptism's water, sends us forth,  
**to drawn hope from God's heart and offer it to others.**

Now, Jesus who poured the cup of grace, sends us forth,  
**to bring food and shelter, love and companionship to our neighbors.**

Now the Spirit who teaches us songs of peace, sends us forth,  
**to offer reconciliation in every broken place, to every shattered person.**

**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Daniel Cummings