Sunday, November 18, 2012 8:30am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ

who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *“Give Thanks” - H. Smith*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 53*

 Leader: God looks down from heaven on humankind

 to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

 **People: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!**

 **When God restores the fortunes of His people,**

 **Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.**

\*HYMN *“We Gather Together”* *No. 559*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are so thankful for Your presence with us every single day of our lives. You give us joy that is beyond measure, You provide us with a full storehouse and Your faithfulness never fails. This Sunday before Thanksgiving we rejoice in this day and every day because You are the cause of our salvation. Lord, convict us when we don’t allow our joy to shine through. Forgive us when we would rather recount our hurts than celebrate our victories in Jesus Christ. Teach us again the joy of Your salvation. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

 *handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“Let All Things Now Living”* *No. 554*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Malachi 3:1-4 (OT p889)*

SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 1:3-11(NT p196)*

SERMON *“The Joy in Thanksgiving”*  Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”* *No. 145*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER *(p.16 in the Hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“Consider The Lilies”* - B. Burroughs Chancel Choir

 \*DOXOLOGY

 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below.*

 *Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* *No. 473*

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

\*POSTLUDE *“Now Thank We All Our God”* - J. S. Bach

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

\*Praise & Worship

*How Great Thou Art / How Great is Our God*

 *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

 *Everything*

 *Give Thanks*

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

 *Malachi 3:1-4*

 *Philippians 1:3-11*

Sermon *“The Joy in Thanksgiving”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

 *Joyful (The One Who Saves)*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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