

Flowers given by Doug & Carol Fields and Tom & Sue Fields
In loving memory of their parents, **Orville & Irene Fields,**
Virgil & Donna Page & Raymond & Donna O'Connor

PRELUDE

Anthem
Lynne Woodman, pianist

Paul Halley

INVITATION to WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

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**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,
Who, from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us still in grace, and guide us on our way
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,
To Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven.
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, in the midst of the world of negative news cycle, being grateful is challenging. Like a leaky facet that continually drips into the sponge of our souls, we can feel weighed down, weary, and worn out. We need prayer practices and postures that break us free from being defined and confined by brokenness, cynicism, and feeling like we are never enough. Like Your beloved son with a skin condition who was cured, we today celebrate and claim the power of thanksgiving. We reclaim on this last day of July the attitude of gratitude. We recognize this isn't only found in Scripture, but science. How research today tells us of giving thanks is important for our wholeness and healing. Thank you, God. We name in this prayer people for whom we are grateful:

Name aloud those whose love brings to life God's love.

We name treasures that warm our hearts:

Name aloud a moment is last week you felt the spirit stir.

We listen for You singing and speaking to our souls with Your thanksgiving:

Listen silently for the Sacred.

For this moment, for our life, for Your grace and love, O God. Thank you. Amen.

*CELEBRATION of TIME/TALENT/TREASURE

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost**

ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

SERMON

Our First and Last Prayer

ANTHEM

Lauda anima (Praise, My Soul)

Mark Andrews

PASTORAL PRAYER & NEW ZEALAND VERSION of LORD’S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of Your name echoes through the universe; The way of Your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For You reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Great Is Your Faithfulness

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**Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.**

Refrain: **Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***

**Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. *Refrain***

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel