



Date: October 12, 2025
Thanksgiving Sunday
Theme: Let Us Thank God!

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon
Musician: Barbara-Lynn & Dave Goodwin
Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie
(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

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

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Sing Along with Rev. Kwon** ~ October 31, 2025, 1:00 pm
- **Fall Supper ~ Stettler United** ~ October 26 4:00 – 6:30.
- **Fall Suppers ~ Erskine** ~ October 25, 4:30 – 7:30. **Big Valley** ~ October 15 4:30 – 6:30
- **Pies** ~ Pre-order and pick-up pies prior to the fall supper @ \$15 ea. by calling Lynda @ 403-741-9553.
- **Please "fill in the blanks"** ~ if you can help with Coffee, Greeting, Reading, Candle lighting. The sheets are on the clipboard outside the office.
- **Fruit for pies** if you have fruit for pie making, could you please keep it in your freezer (if possible) until closer to the date, our freezer is quite full right now.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

Thanksgiving, as a holiday weekend and celebration, shares elements with other weekend holidays.

Still, it is unique with its focus on giving thanks. The word *thanksgiving* leads us to ponder: What for? Why do we devote a day, a weekend, to giving thanks?

Since it is now an old tradition, it is, no doubt, set in its ways. Is Thanksgiving 2025, for you, sufficiently porous to allow in “the new” so that we may truly celebrate in thanksgiving?

In worship we give that question space.

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Light the Christ Candle

ALL: Today we light the Christ candle to celebrate God’s presence in gratitude for everything that we are enjoying on earth. May we thank God for reminding us of Jesus Christ in the shining candle!

*Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation* VU#227

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Opening Prayer

Creator God, provider of seed, water, and sun,

we give you thanks!

For the health and energy of bodies to complete the harvest,

we give you thanks!

For the support of families as we labour,

we give you thanks!

For neighbours who pool resources to bring in the harvest,

we give you thanks!

For your amazing love and grace,

We give you thanks! Amen!

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Special Music ~ Barbara-Lynn & Dave Goodwin

Prayer of Confession

There are moments, O God, when we are very much aware of how blessed and privileged we are to live in this place at this time.

For the most part, our lives are incomparably easier than the lives of those who have gone before us. Overall we live with a degree of affluence and security beyond the reach of many of our fellow citizens in this country and on this planet.

And yet, these moments of gratitude are often overbalanced by forgetfulness and self-pity.

There are times when we can only notice what we do not have and we complain endlessly how bad things are.

Having convinced ourselves that we are impoverished and beleaguered, we become resentful and fearful.

We do not trust you to provide; we tell ourselves and anyone who will listen that we are entirely self-made.

O God, forgive us.

Open our minds and our hearts to understand who we really are and how we came to be here. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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***Hymn Come, You Thankful People, Come VU#516**

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Prayer of Illumination

ALL: O Christ of new beginnings, we meet today to praise you and to worship you. We want to follow your invitation to discipleship more and more deeply in our lives of faith. Please open our hearts to receive your message today. Amen.

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Scripture Readings: Malcolm Fischer

Deuteronomy 26:1–11: Bring tithes; a wandering Aramean was my ancestor.

Psalms 100: Make a joyful noise for God.

Philippians 4:4–9: The peace of God which passes all understanding.

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1) (being seated)

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

***Hymn *Make a Joyful Noise* VU#820**

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Invitation for Offering

***Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* VU#541**

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Offering Prayer

ALL: Abundant God, bless our commitments. Let our gifts of love multiply and shower the world with love. Let us be each other's encouragement and building up. Amen.

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Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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. 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.

Hymn *We Plough the Fields* VU#520

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

Postlude