THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, God of grace and mercy.
We give thanks for your presence among us, flickering like fire in the changing colors of leaves, glimmering like carp gliding below the surface of a stream, fluttering like doves in the beating of our hearts.
We give thanks for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, who taught us to live for the sake of others.
And so, with all your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: (SUNG RESPONSE) Page 17 UMH Musical Setting A
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus, who emptied himself of divinity and walked among us, teaching and healing, and giving himself up for the healing of the world.
On the night before he gave himself up for us,
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
And so , in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: (SUNG RESPONSE) Page 18 UMH Musical Setting A
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
Make us one with Christ.
Make us one with one another.
And make us one in ministry to all the world.
God of water and wilderness,
God of clouds and rocks and fire and smoke,
God of humility and compassion,
We praise and thank you for all that you have done.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
People: (SUNG RESPONSE) 17 UMH Musical Setting A
Amen, Amen, Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: #895UMH

BREAKING THE BREAD
L: Because there is one loaf, we, though we are many, are one body.
The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION:
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit. May we give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. AMEN.

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