

# November 12, 2023

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude "I Will Bless the Lord at All Times" Carol Stewart

(The Prelude was written by Carol Stewart's brother, Allen Webber and Dick Torrens.)

*I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

*I will bless the Lord at all times, And praise Him all the day long.*

*O magnify the Lord with me, Let us exalt His name together.*

*O magnify the Lord with me, And worship God on high.*

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\*\*Call to Worship

Liturgist: God is from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: The Holy One inhabits all eternity and everything that is, or was, or ever will be.**

Liturgist: God is the source, guide, and goal of our lives.

**People: We acknowledge God as the center of our lives and of our world.**

Liturgist: We come today to worship God.

**People: We come with thanks and praise.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH #102

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Creator God, we bring our full selves to worship today. Our happiness and our sorrow, our singing and our crying, our strengths, and our failures—we carry it all. Teach us to trust that your faithfulness endures in all the seasons and circumstances of our lives. Help us to know that all that we are is bound to you and teach us to rest on your steadfast love as the source of our gratitude and joy. Amen.**

Children's Moments

A Veteran's Testimony Harold Glick

Prayer Hymn "Seek Ye First" (v.1,2) UMH #405

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Offering/Offertory "God Bless America" Carol Stewart  
Irving Berlin

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, we sometimes treat money as our god. Help us to set aside this temptation. In our giving, free us from our love and worship of money. In today's offering, we choose to love again and to worship you alone in every aspect of our lives. Receive our gifts with gratitude and praise for your unending love. Amen.**

\*\*Congregational Hymn "This Is My Father's World" UMH #144

Scripture Reading Psalm 100

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "Worthy of Thanksgiving" Pastor Jeff Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" (v.1-4) UMH #717

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude "God Bless the U.S.A." Carol Stewart  
Lee Greenwood



*A special thank you to Ann Ledbetter for donating the decorations and to Alice Osman and Jackie Foster for putting together the beautiful Thanksgiving Altar arrangement.*

# Scripture Reading

## Psalm 100 (NIV)

**A psalm. For giving thanks.**

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.



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### Next Sermon – November 19

"Giving Thanks"  
Scripture Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy  
Philippians 4:4-13

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.

### November 12, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler Micah Fleming, Will Mossier
Greeter	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Liturgist	Suzanne Bandy
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeck
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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