

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Thanks
Pastor Joy Laughridge

November 18, 2020

6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE *We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing*
Tune: Kremser

WELCOME Pastor Joy Laughridge

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness and gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

HYMN *We Gather Together*

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Brian Mitchell

Leader: Wondrous and generous God, you have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn, nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive.

All: Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight handed, when we don't let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Enough* Chris Tomlin
Marshall Mayer & William Wilson, soloists

SCRIPTURE READING Pastor Joy Laughridge

Psalm 100

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

MEDITATION

THANKSGIVING LITANY Brian Mitchell

Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully

People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

Leader: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement **People: Thank you, God.**

Leader: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love.

People: Thank you, God,

Leader: For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures.

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies.

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows.

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For growing up and growing old; for the wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing.

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger.

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord.

People: We praise you, God.

Leader: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship.

People: We praise you, God.

Leader: Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him

People: We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting

HYMN

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

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And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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