Gratitude and Generosity Sunday/Christ the King

November 22, 2026

10:30 AM



University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshiping together in-person and virtually on YouTube. Welcome!

For those worshiping in-person, please remember:

- **To support the health and wellness of all those among us,** feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion**. Ushers will direct you.
- **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: http://www.ulch.org/ To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at ulch@ulch.org.
- **Children are welcome in worship**. Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families at the front of the sanctuary. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

Land Acknowledgment

This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

Gathering

+ *Indicates the assembly stand as able. Assembly parts are marked in* **bold**.
ELW *refers to the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.* **ACS** *refers to All Creation Sings, an ELW supplement.*

Prelude Lord Our God, with Praise We Come arr. Robert Bucklee Farlee (2015)
Tune ROMEDAL (ELW 730)

Welcome

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose promises endure forever. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
We confess that we have trusted in our own plans instead of your promises. We have allowed fear and uncertainty to narrow our imagination and turn inwardly. We cling to what is familiar rather than trusting the future you are creating. We overlook the needs of our neighbors and miss opportunities to share your love.
Forgive us when we forget our identity and purpose. Renew us by your Spirit, strengthen us in hope, and lead us more deeply into the life you desire for all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
God is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven and you are set free to live in hope and love your neighbor with Christ's own compassion. Amen.

+ Processional Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ELW 693

+ Greeting

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ Prayer of the Day
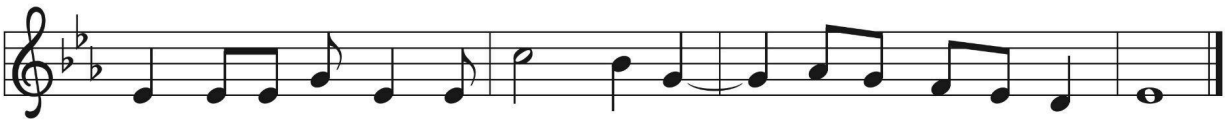
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

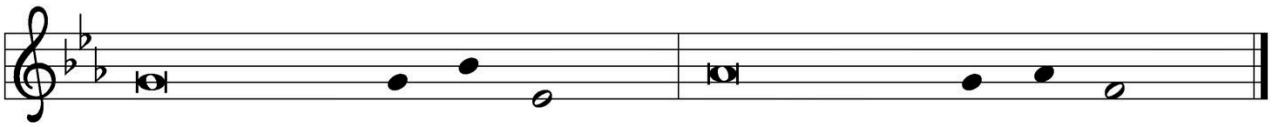
Children's Message

Psalm 95:1-7a Refrain Music: Anne Krentz Organ (2007)

Refrain (*1st time choir sings,* ***all repeat and sing thereafter***)



Choir sings the plain text, ***all sing the bold text***



[1] Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
[3] For you, LORD, are | a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours. REFRAIN
[5] The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
[7a] For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **REFRAIN**

[1] ¡Vengan, cantemos con júbilo al SEÑOR;
aclamemos alegres a la Roca de nuestra salvación!
[2] **Lleguemos ante él con acción de gracias;**
aclamémoslo con cánticos.
[3] Porque el SEÑOR es el gran Dios,
el gran Rey sobre todos los dioses.
[4] **En sus manos están los abismos de la tierra;**
suyas son las cumbres de los montes.
[5] Suyo es el mar, porque él lo hizo;
con sus manos formó la tierra seca.
[6] **¡Vengan, postrémonos reverentes! Doblemos la rodilla ante el SEÑOR nuestro Hacedor!**
[7] Porque él es nuestro Dios
y nosotros somos el pueblo de su prado;
somos un rebaño bajo su cuidado.

Reading - Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly

Por eso yo, por mi parte, desde que me enteré de la fe que tienen en el Señor Jesús y del amor que demuestran por todos los creyentes, no he dejado de dar gracias por ustedes al recordarlos en mis oraciones. Pido que el Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre glorioso, les dé el Espíritu de sabiduría y de revelación, para que lo conozcan mejor. Pido también que les sean iluminados los ojos del corazón para que sepan a qué esperanza él los ha llamado, cuál es la riqueza de su gloriosa herencia entre pueblo santo, y cuán incomparable es la grandeza de su poder a favor de los que creemos. Ese poder es la fuerza grandiosa y eficaz que Dios ejerció en Cristo cuando lo resucitó de entre los muertos y lo sentó a su derecha en las regiones celestiales, muy por encima de todo gobierno y autoridad, poder y dominio, y de cualquier otro nombre que se invoque, no solo en este mundo, sino también en el venidero. Dios sometió todas las

places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

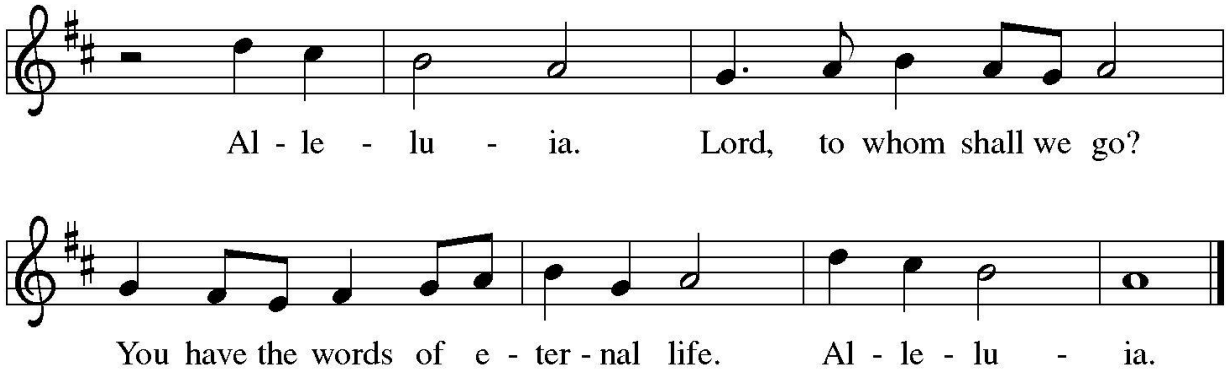
Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

cosas al dominio de Cristo y lo dio como cabeza de todo a la iglesia. Esta, que es su cuerpo, es la plenitud de aquel que lo llena todo por completo.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.
Demos gracias a Dios

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 4 (by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978)



+ Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:31-46

The gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples;] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you

»Cuando el Hijo del hombre venga en su gloria, con todos sus ángeles, se sentará en su trono glorioso. Todas las naciones se reunirán delante de él, y él separará a unos de otros, como separa el pastor las ovejas de las cabras. Pondrá las ovejas a su derecha, y las cabras a su izquierda. »Entonces dirá el Rey a los que estén a su derecha: "Vengan ustedes, a quienes mi Padre ha bendecido; reciban su herencia, el reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo. Porque tuve hambre y ustedes me dieron de comer; tuve sed y me dieron de beber; fui forastero y me dieron alojamiento; necesité ropa y me vistieron; estuve enfermo y me atendieron; estuve en la cárcel y me visitaron". Y le contestarán los justos: "Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento y te alimentamos o sediento y te dimos de beber? ¿Cuándo te vimos como forastero y te dimos alojamiento o necesitado de ropa y te vestimos? ¿Cuándo te vimos enfermo o en la cárcel y te visitamos?". El Rey les responderá: "Les aseguro que todo

clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."
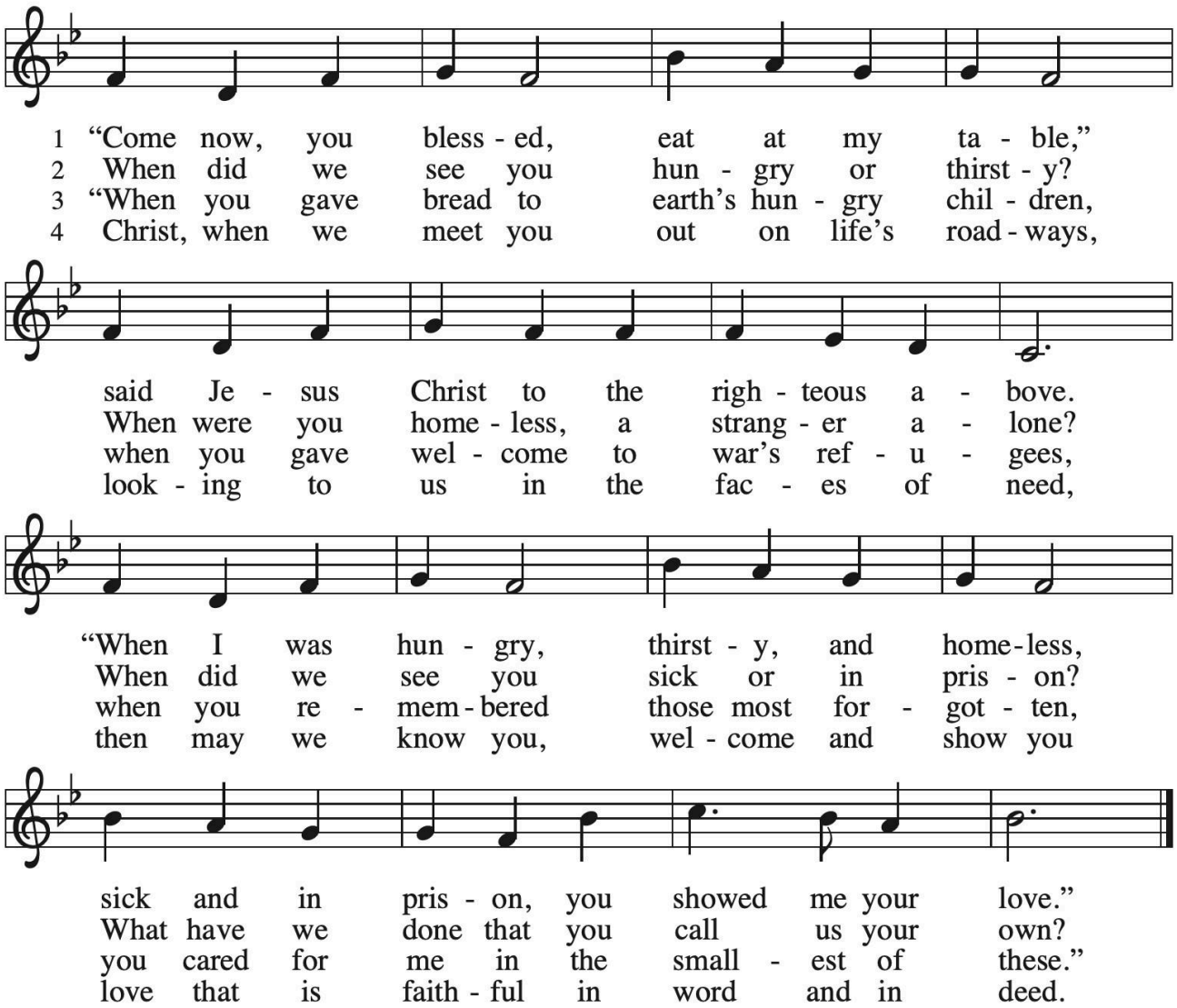
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

lo que hicieron por uno de mis hermanos, aun por el más pequeño, lo hicieron por mí". »Luego dirá a los que estén a su izquierda: "Apártense de mí, malditos, al fuego eterno preparado para el diablo y sus ángeles. Porque tuve hambre y ustedes no me dieron nada de comer; tuve sed y no me dieron nada de beber; fui forastero y no me dieron alojamiento; necesité ropa y no me vistieron; estuve enfermo y en la cárcel, y no me atendieron". Ellos también contestarán: "Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento o sediento, o como forastero, o necesitado de ropa, enfermo o en la cárcel y no te ayudamos?". Él responderá: "Les aseguro que todo lo que no hicieron por el más pequeño de mis hermanos, tampoco lo hicieron por mí". »Aquellos irán al castigo eterno y los justos a la vida eterna».

El Evangelio del Señor.
Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

+ Hymn of the Day Come Now, You Blessed ACS 1059 by Ruth Duck and Emily Brink



+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

+ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.
Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."

Gratitude and Generosity Moment - Tomi McLellan

Meal

Offertory In Christ There Is No East or West arr. Dale Wood (1981)
Hope Choir; John Beane, soloist *Tune MCKEE (ELW 650)*

As an act of gratitude and participation in God's work among us, we offer our gifts. Thank you for supporting the ministry we share together through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Financial offerings may be made online, via the QR code at the rear of the bulletin, by mail, or in the offering plate during Communion.

+ Offertory Prayer

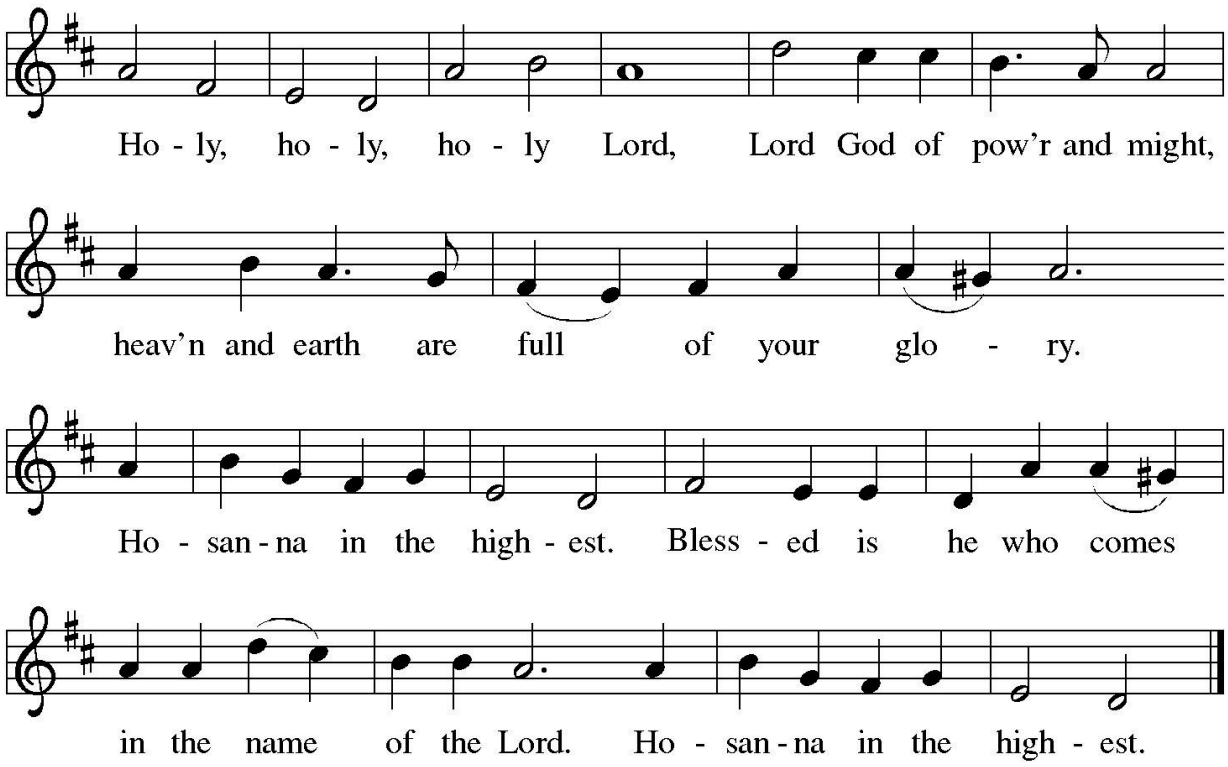
Generous God, **everything we have and everything we are comes from you. Because you fill us with hope, we dare to dream of your kingdom, to share our gifts, and to align our lives with your mission. Receive our offerings of time, talent, and treasure and use them to bring healing, justice, and abundant life to the world. Amen.**

+The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**
Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.... we join their unending hymn:

+ Sanctus ELW Setting 4 (by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978)



+Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are at home and sitting with others... *When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

If you are at home on your own... *Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."*

If you are worshiping in-person today... *We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), receive either the red wine or white grape juice in your cup, place your used cup in the basket. Children of all ages are welcome to partake at Holy Communion.*

If you seek healing prayers today... *A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will.*

If you are so inclined during this time... *You may dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, light candles for situations around the world and close to home or add a prayer to the prayer wall. All prayer slips remain anonymous. Periodically throughout the year, prayers are removed from the wall, blessed during worship, and burned in our courtyard fireplace as a sign of releasing our burdens and entrusting our concerns to God's care.*

Music During Communion For the Fruit of All Creation ELW 679

Sonata for Cello and Piano: Allegretto ben moderato César Franck
Uli Koester, cello and Bill Sanden, piano

+ Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+ Prayer after Communion

God of hope, in this meal you have fed us with the presence of Christ and renewed us with your grace. Strengthened by your promises, send us into the world to dream boldly, serve joyfully, and share generously, until all people know the abundance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+Announcements

SENDING

+Sending Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns (*vss. 1, 4-5)* ELW 855

+Blessing

May the God who gives hope to the weary, The Christ who calls us into God's future,
And the Holy Spirit who inspires holy dreams, + bless you and keep you, today and always. **Amen.**

+Dismissal

Go in peace, because we hope, we dream. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Finale-Allegro from Sonata No. 1 Florence B. Price (1927)

Price (1887-1953) was the first African-American woman to have a composition played by a major orchestra, when the Chicago Symphony Orchestra played her first symphony in 1933. She has written hundreds of compositions, including this early one that appears to be inspired by French composer Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911).

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding minister); Eric Ringham (assisting minister); Hope Choir, Uli Koester, Bill Sanden, Paul Stever (musicians); Michael Kneer, Kathy Kufus, John Pignatello, Jo Schroeder (communion servers); Rick Chapman (lector); Addison Gillette (worship tech facilitator); Karen Westwood (greeter); Scott Hvizdos, Karen Jorstad (ushers); Juna Evans, Liv Evans (acolytes); Julaine Kobiske (worship prep); Kelleen Brooks, Randall Brooks (communion clean-up); Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Ann Beane (healing prayer)

Next Sunday, November 29, No 9:30am Forum

Thursday, December 3, 2026, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CT
Creekside UCC, 106 E Diamond Lake Rd, Minneapolis, MN 55419

For 25 years, Beacon has worked to create the equivalent number of new homes, and now all the progress in Minnesota is at risk. This event seeks to gather as our entire collaborative, congregants, clergy, supportive housing residents, service partners, and elected officials, to ground ourselves in the reality of supportive housing. We will do this as we meet on December 3, 2026, for our Convening: Faith in Home and launch our second Losing Home, Losing Sleep Vigil.

- 6:30 p.m. Doors open for registration, refreshments, and fellowship
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Interactive regional breakout sessions, programming
- 8:00-9:00 p.m. public launch of Losing Sleep, Losing Homes Vigil
- 9:00 p.m. (Thurs.) – 7 a.m. (Fri.) Losing Sleep, Losing Homes virtual and In-person vigil shifts

Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30pm

Holden Evening Prayer with Astronomical Projections, in the Chapel

U of M Choirs and graduate conducting students' concert
Monday, December 14 at 7:30pm

University Singers and University Treble Chorus from the University of Minnesota, led by graduate student conductors Abby Carter and Logan Combs will present a Master's Conducting recital here! All are welcome to hear these students perform.

Christmas Eve Worship December 24 at 4pm (3:30pm prelude)