



Creation Time 5 in the Season of Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday

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^MUSICAL PRELUDE: (Leader & Choir Enter)

(^) means, please stand as you are able,

(Bold Print - Congregation Response)

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCHES**

^CHORAL INTROIT: (In Unison) More Voices #115

*Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.*

*Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true, for I am Christ the Way.*

^CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

We gather this morning to celebrate the Harvest Home!

*We are surrounded by the beauty and bounty of the earth.*

We gather with hearts filled with gratitude

As our senses take in all that we've received:

*the warm embrace of our family; the love of our church;  
the sight of fresh produce from garden, orchard, and field;  
the aroma of roast turkey and fresh-baked pumpkin pie;  
the sound of wild geese and ducks overhead  
and the crunch of coloured leaves beneath our feet;  
the expectation of a feast that awaits.*

For the bountiful blessings, in praise and thanksgiving,

*Let us worship our God—Creator, Christ, and Spirit.*

^HYMN: VU#516 Come, you thankful people, come

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Jamie York

CHOIR ANTHEM: (Roseneath)

SCRIPTURE READING: Joel 2:21-27 (R)

Reader: May God bless this reading for God's people today.

People: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

of grace, hope, peace, and love with  
sisters and brothers of every time and place,  
forever praising your name,  
God in Community, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit

PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (In Unison)

*God of bread, God of wine, you have fed us again.*

*So much more is received than just what we swallow.*

*So much more is absorbed than just what we taste.*

*Bind our hearts by the receiving of this sacrament.*

*Bind us tightly to one another here in the body of Christ.*

*Bind us firmly with all the world who do this in*

*remembrance of you.*

*Bind us without escape to your Spirit above all.*

*In Jesus' blessed name we pray. Amen.*

^HYMN: VU#520 We plough the fields and scatter

^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)

As we leave our place of worship on this day, let us go...

*with thanksgiving ringing in our hearts,*

*with thanksgiving rising to our lips,*

*with thanksgiving flowing from us to the world!*

^BENEDICTION: Rev. Jamie York

^CHORAL BLESSING: (Go Now in Peace)

*Go now in peace, never be afraid*

*God will go with you each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,*

*Know God will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love and show you believe*

*Reach out to others, so all the world can see*

*God will be there, watching from above,*

*Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

*A-a-men, A-a-men, A-a-a-men (Don Besig & Nancy Price)*

*Give Thanks*

..... TO .....

THE LORD

[ PSALM 136:3 ]



**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:** “*God will provide*”

^**HYMN:** VU#517 Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 6:25-33 (L)

Leader: In this reading is Good News for God’s people.

*People: May the Spirit of the Living God be with us today! Amen.*

**SERMON:** “Good News about Thanksgiving”

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** “Thank you for our ministers”

^**OFFERING AND DEDICATION:**

VU#518 As those of old their first fruits brought

^**PRAYER of DEDICATION:** *(In Unison)*

*With all that we have, with all that we are,  
we come to you, God Most Holy—  
knowing that all of it  
is blessed by your love! Amen.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Table: (Rev. Jamie York)

^**HYMN:** VU#467 One bread, one body

**Communion Liturgy:**

May the God of all be with you!

*May God be with you, also!*

We will join our hearts with all of God’s people,  
offering them to the God who loves us.

God fills our hearts, our lives, with overflowing grace.

With voices in every tongue, of every faith,  
we will sing our praises to God.

*We offer glory and thanksgiving to our God.*

God of Wonder, You spoke,  
and the Word began to call to life all living creatures.  
You laughed, and shaped us in your image,  
to offer all these things and more to us.

But we were convinced we did not need you,  
Over and over, your prophets called us back to you,  
but we were set in our ways,  
not wanting to walk by your rivers of life.  
So that we might finally have life with you,  
you sent your Child Jesus to us,

so that all the world might be redeemed.

With those whose hearts are filled with joy,  
with those whose lips tremble with questions,  
we lift our praises to you:

*Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all, God of each.*

*All creation everywhere joins in praising you.*

*Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed is the One who calls us to the Table of life.*

*Hosanna in the highest!*

In your holiness, God of creation,  
you could have left us to our devices.

But you became one of us,  
in a little child born in a place no one imagined,  
and to a family no one would have picked.

A little child, Jesus knew the hunger and fears of poverty and despair.

A young boy, Jesus knew the doubts and questions about his future.

A worker, Jesus knew the struggles to put food on the table.

A storyteller, Jesus knew how to reach deep into the human heart.

A servant, Jesus was willing to take on our death for us,  
so that in the power of the resurrection, death lost out over life.

As we gather in churches and in open fields,  
as we feast on the bread of life, and drink from cups of salvation,  
we join our sisters and brothers in every place,  
proclaiming the mystery we call faith:

*Jesus died, that we might know the depth of love;*

*Jesus was raised, that we might know the strength of love;*

*Jesus will come, that we might know God’s steadfast love.*

Throughout this world this day, for all those who stand at your table,  
we pray that you would pour out your Spirit upon your children  
and on the gifts gathered there.

from the simple goodness of creation and set aside for holy use.  
In the bread which is broken, may we be nourished  
through the Bread of Life, come that we may live.

In that cup which is filled with grace,  
may we know that which will quench us into life in abundance.

And when all time has ended and the world  
as we know it is made complete,  
we will gather around that One Table