

November 14, 2021 Worship Service

Welcome

Opening Prayer (based on Exodus 33:12-23, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22)

Loving, living God,
be among us now.
Show us your ways.
Guide our steps.
Live in us,
that we may be people of steadfast hope
and powerful giving.
Help us hear your words,
challenging us to give you
all the things that are yours.
Help us remember
that all we are and all we have
are gifts from you,
gifts to be shared in service and love.
Holy One among us,
help us be a holy people
who receive your word with joy
and live your message with love. Amen.

Call To Worship (based on Psalm 100)

Come before the Lord with joyful songs,
because he is good,
because he is generous,
because we lack nothing.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

Serve the Lord with gladness,
because of his greatness and justice,
because he puts an end to hatred and division,
and to all forms of violence.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

Come before the Lord with joy
because he is faithful to his promises,
because his Word is eternal.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

Know that the Lord is God,
and we are his people,
his community, his family.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

It is he who has made us to the praise of his name,
we are his own beloved ones,
and he is faithful through all generations.

**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

Song: *Holy Holy Holy*

God's Greeting

We Greet Each Other

Song: *Oceans*

Confession:

Holy God, we know that you created us in love,
to enjoy this world and You, to serve your creation and your children.
And we know that we do not do your will.

With clenched hands, we can neither give nor receive.

With eyes tight shut, we cannot see pain or beauty.

With feet of clay, we cannot dance in joy or run to help.

We ask for your help and your power to change.

Open our hands and eyes,

move our feet,

toward grace and hope and trust in You.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song: *The River* (birthday song for Art Rietsma)

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed.

Let us greet the world as people made new in Christ.

Made new to do all things through him who gives us strength.

Amen.

Song: *Jesus Loves Me*

Baptism of Easton Hayes Buit

Song: *God Claims You*

Children's Blessing

Congregational Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture **Philippians 4: 10-23**

Sermon: **Joy - Celebrating Presents**

Song: *Take My Life and Let it Be*

God's Parting Blessing

Song: *Send Us Out*

Offerings: 1. Woody Nook Ministries
2. Institute for Christian Studies