



PRELUDE

Jenny Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in your homes) Jeannette Anglin

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence, not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather together in Thanksgiving to God.

For God has Made us and the earth that nurtures us.

Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.

**For we are the bearers of divine blessing
for the earth and its people.**

Let us praise God; let us reach out in care and courage.

So that the goodness of life may be for all God's children.

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Let us pray. Generous God, present with all human beings: Help us to know you in the hungry, the stranger, the ill, and the prisoner, that our souls may be fed with the fruits of justice, our hearts made glad with healing and hospitality, and our feet set to dancing with the freedom of your Spirit alive in Jesus Christ. In these

moments of silence, stir in us a holy gratitude, remind us of our dependence on you, and prepare our hearts for worship.

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!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jeannette Anglin

Let us confess our sins to God,
whose loving-kindness endures forever.

Gracious God, we are grateful that you bless us with much; in fact, all that we need. We confess that too often we hold on to all that we have and still want more. Forgive us for the times we waste your gifts, fail to love our neighbors, and forget your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silence, a time for personal confession.

People of God, hear the good news: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

In His Steps

DISCOVERY TIME

Grete Hansen

THE OFFERING

Pastor John

SPECIAL MUSIC

Andy Schipper

***DOXOLOGY** *(or in your preferred version)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PSALMS

Psalm 79:13, Psalm 100:3-5

Jeannette Anglin

Psalm 79:13

Then we your people, the flock of your pasture, will give thanks to you for ever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Psalm 100:3-5

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Pastor John

HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
There forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of thanksgiving and petition may be offered, followed by:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(or in your preferred version)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

From where we are
to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your reign,
Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,
Jesus, now lead on.

Surround us with your presence,
inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.
Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

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 he will guide you in all you do.

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Director Grete Hansen, Music Director Jane Shelly, Accompanist Jenny Smith, Worship
Ensemble, Andrew Schipper

Credits

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