The Church Responds to God

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L: We bring the gift of our presence, being together in worship and fellowship, work and witness.
We bring the gift of service, commitment of our time and talents to serve God by working in God's world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Ever faithful Lord, Ever giving Son, Ever present Spirit, For the many gifts you grant us and the opportunity to enjoy these things; For your daily provision and for the constant signs of your healing love; For the hope amidst despair and the light which always shines; For all these things, 'thank you' is just so inadequate but it's all we have: … to show our gratitude in word, in thought and in action.

So thank you, Lord, and may our thanks move beyond words to transform us into thankful folk, faithful folk, seeing folk, folk who see need and see the need to act, folk who love to live and live to love, folk who serve you by serving others.

Help us to be amongst those who include the excluded
and bring in those who are marginalized, that when the opportunities come our way to be healers of division and hurt,
to be peacemakers and restorers,
we won't be found wanting. Amen.

*HYMN Count Your Blessings #82 (Majesty)
Jeff Ingebritsen

*DEPART WITH BLESSING
Each one of us is a unique creation of God. We are all extraordinary because God has called us so.

Go forth to discover the wonders of the world, and know that you are part of those joyful wonders. Go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

POSTLUDE Sarah Johnason

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Mission Statement
" Transformed Lives, Transform Communities"
"Bring Them In, Grow Them Up, Send Them Out"

November 25, 2020 3:00 Worship

THANKSGIVING EVE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

1. If you're at home with your spouse or family **begin by gathering** around the table. If it's just you, maybe you could phone or FaceTime a friend to "join" you for worship.
2. Once you're in place **light a candle** to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit. This is a good way to signal that you are entering into sacred time, and the place where you were chatting and laughing just a moment ago has become a sacred place.
3. **Bring your own Bible** (and a Hymnal).
4. **Turn on your computer, smartphone, or tablet PC**
5. **Login** www.monroeumc.com and scroll down

Or Facebook Live Stream 9:30 am
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CENTERING WORDS

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate the abundance of God. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for all that God provides. There are clearly enough resources for everyone in the world to live fully. The problem we face is one of distribution, of sharing. So, how do we give thanks when there are many, maybe even some in the congregation, who don't have enough?

WELCOME AND GREETINGS Pastor

PRELUDE "Prayer of Thanksgiving" arr. Smith & Hustad
Organ /Piano Duet Sarah Johanson & John Daane

CALL TO WORSHIP
Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,
P: Thank you!
We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,
P: Thank you!
May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.

OPENING CHORUS We Gather Together #131 (1-3)
Jeff Ingebritsen

OPENING PRAYER (based on Psalm 65:1-13) Jane Gaulrapp

What mighty praise belongs to You, O God, for Your acts of love and faithfulness toward us!

In Your mercy You hear our prayers, You forgive our sins, You provide for our needs.

From one end of the earth to the other, You inspire worship and praise! Even nature celebrates Your goodness.

We, too, would offer our praise and thanksgiving for Your mercy and Your faithful love toward us. Receive our adoration, our confession, our thanksgiving.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit make Your presence known among us that we may hear Your Word and know Your will. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

The Church Hears God's Word

Litany of Thanksgiving (inspired by Psalm 96)
Today we offer our thanksgiving and gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts,
The Lord be praised.

For the tables we share and the bread we partake of within our communities, within our families, and within our homes,
The Lord be praised.

For the hands of friendship that have been extended to us and the grace we have received,
The Lord be praised.

For Your continual provision in our lives,
The Lord be praised.

For the embrace of love,
The Lord be praised.

For Your mercies that are new at dawn and sustain us through the day, echoing through the night,
The Lord be praised.

For the gift of Your Son and His blood poured out.
The Lord be praised.

For the new life that beats within us now.
The Lord be praised.

In all things, we give You thanks and join with creation's song,
Great is the Lord and most worthy to be praised!
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Day by Day" arr. James Stevens
Cello & Piano Heejung Kim & John Daane

Scripture – Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (insert)

L: This is the word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Dr. Kim