



Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 20, 2016

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †

PRELUDE.....Old Hundredth

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Alex Everett

Leader: Bless God,, all people of faith and hope.
God has looked on us with great favor.

PEOPLE: **GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.
GOD IS OUR GUIDE AND INSPIRATION WHEN THINGS GO WELL.**

Leader: God gives light to those who live in the shadows.
God offers stillness amid the turbulence of our times.

PEOPLE: **WE LIVE IN COVENANT WITH GOD, WHO GIVES US THE BEST.
WE ARE EAGER TO GIVE OUR BEST TO GOD IN RETURN.**

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, we meet for worship.
God has brought the dawn of a new day for our use.

UNISON: **PRAISE FOD FOR SIGNS ANS WONDERS ALL AROUND US.
PRAISE GOD FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Sean Coe

*WORSHIP HYMN..... (see screen)

Forever (Chris Tomlin)

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We worship You with gladness, O God our shepherd, for You have gathered us as Your beloved flock. You have sent a mighty Savior, who has demonstrated among us the power of love. Send Your spirit now to remind us of Your gifts and to strengthen us for our tasks. May we show our loyalty to Christ the way we live every day. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 450)Psalm 46

ANTHEM.....Don Whitman

Song of Thanksgiving

SECOND READING (pg. 956).....Colossians 1:11-20

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.

"Christ, Our King –Image of the Invisible God, Firstborn of all Creation"

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Don Moen

I Offer My Life

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the saving faithfulness of Jesus Christ, we give thanks. For the church that seeks to extend Christ's ministry, we are humbly grateful. All things we have are gifts from You, O God, so we dedicate more than our money. We reinvest ourselves in patient, joyful response to Your promises. Hear our prayers and empower our ministry. Amen.

*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 718

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Mary Redmon

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Leo Gibbs

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Kremser

We Gather Together

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 715**

Now Thank We All Our God

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE.....New Mexican Folk Song**

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

**‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
3rd – 8th attend LIVE BIG!**

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Mary Peris, Jimmy Jarvis, Mary Bond, Emily Vinson



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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