



*A Service For The Worship Of God*

November 19, 2017

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

**\*Opening Hymn #559**

**We Gather Together**

***A Word of Welcome and Announcements***

**Call To Worship** (1 Thess. 5: 8 )

Leader: Clothe yourselves with faith and love;

**People: be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: The Lord is with us!

**Unison: Let us celebrate God's love together.**

**Prayer of Invocation** (in unison)

**Shine your light on your Word, O Lord;**

**by your Spirit let us see your wonder.**

**For your justice outruns our sense of fairness;**

**your love overwhelms our deepest affections.**

**Open our eyes, unstop our ears,**

**and show us your most excellent way;**

**for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**Hymn: As The Deer**

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after You  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You

You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

I want You more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye

You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

You're my friend and You are my  
brother  
Even though you are a king  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything

You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

## **Call To Confession**

Leader: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the Truth of God is not in us.

Therefore let us confess our sin before God and one another that we may know and experience God's forgiveness in Jesus.

## **Prayer Of Confession**

**Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love.**

**Even so, we have not lived according to your will.**

**When we are oppressed or unjustly accused,  
we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance.**

**When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others,  
we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience.**

**Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness,  
that we might turn to you again,  
walk in the light,  
and live in equity and peace;**

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Sisters and brothers hear the good news, as far as the east is from the west and the north from the south, so far has God removed our sin in Christ Jesus.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God**

**\*Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

## **Passing The Peace Of Christ**

*Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ  
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

**People: And Also With You.**

*Leader: Let us turn and greet one another*

**Children's Time** – The children are invited to come forward

**Hymn #551**

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

## **Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer**

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

### **Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

**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.**

### **Prayer Response**

Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,  
And make this house your home;  
Descend with all your gracious powers;  
O come, great Spirit, come!

### **Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Choral Anthem**

### **Total Praise**

### **Scripture**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one

who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

## Sermon

Rev. Jack Cormack

## Hymn: 10,000 Reasons, Bless the Lord

by Matt Redman

### Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I worship Your holy name

### Verse 1

The sun comes up; it's a new day  
dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever  
lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening  
comes

### Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I worship Your holy name

### Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to  
anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is  
kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on  
singing  
10,000 reasons for my heart to find

### Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I worship Your holy name

### Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is  
failing  
The end draws near and my time  
has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise  
unending  
10,000 years and then forever more

Chorus  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
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### **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Response**

May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.  
May the grace of God shine down upon us, down upon us, and everyone we know.  
This is our prayer as we leave this place with our hearts full of love and grace.  
May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.

\*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

Rev. Jack Cormack  
Jennifer McCullough  
Jo Lynne Palmerton

Pastor  
Director of Music  
Pianist

### **Ushers**

Dee Smith  
Barbara Garten

Lynn Poindexter  
Sonja Scott

### **Candidates for Elders class of 2020**

Heather Heslin  
Shannon Scott  
Regina Ice  
Kyle Miller

**Liturgist**

Nancy Hackett

**Fellowship Hosts**

Covey Family

**In Our Prayers**

Our homebound: Harold Hiser, Gusta Zweerink, Wayne & Gladys Zweerink,

**Celebrating a Birthday**

Karen Robertson, November 19

Keating Heslin, November 19

Norm Meester, November 25

**Celebrating an Anniversary**

Kyle & Lindsey Miller, November 22

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

Congregational meeting following worship

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Book Club, 7:00pm

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Served 11:30-2:00

Meals on Wheels, Barbara Garten and

Nancy Hackett

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

Hanging of the Greens following worship

Van Driver: Jason Hutchins

Nursery: Heather & Jeremy Heslin

Sound: Garry Hill

Building Monitor: Randy Zweerink

**Ongoing Missions:**

Food Pantry

Meals on Wheels

Rare Breed meals

Ronald McDonald House meals



**Food Pantry Needs**

Corn

Crackers

Jello

Soup

The Outreach Committee collects coats during the winter months to be distributed to the needy. Children's items are especially needed. The collection bin is in the Health Ministry Room.

**Upcoming Events:**

Nov 29 Advent Series, 6:00pm

Nov 30 Meals on Wheels

Nov 30 Big Whiskey's Fundraiser for new Visual Equipment 6:00-10:30pm

**Crosslines Toy Store**

**Share a Toy—Share the Joy!**

Hillcrest has for many years helped with this project. This year, the campaign last through Sunday, December 10th. Rae Jean Palmerton is the coordinator for the toy store event and will be glad to receive your cash donations to do shopping if you'd rather not.

Hillcrest will be helping with all ages this year. You may donate an appropriate new toy or gift for any child or teen. Please leave gifts unwrapped and do not remove the price tags.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2017**

Serving 11:30am – 2:00pm

ALL WELCOME – FREE

We thank Garry & Debbie Hill and their family for hosting the dinner

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*Happy Thanksgiving*