



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, November 13, 2022)

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FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by Kwabena & Paulina Sintim-Aboagye in memory of our parents.

Prelude:

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

(Piano and Organ duet)

Give thanks, with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Jane Kerr, Organist & David Maley, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship from Psalm 113

Barbara Yost, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Let us worship!

OPENING HYMN: "Great God of Every Blessing"

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, In death and life extending your covenant embrace.

In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, Transforming broken people into the holy church.

For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

In quiet trust, in simple words, we enter a space for prayer. As we confess our sins, both secret and public, the door to God's heart is open and we enter into grace and mercy. Let us pray together...

Prayer of Confession

(Liturgist)

Have mercy, O God, on us. We have many treasures on earth that we hold too dearly, that we withhold from others in need. When we sin against neighbor, condone injustice, and quarrel with one another, we sin against you. Forgive us, we pray, for we are broken in spirit. Keep us always in your presence so that we may be restored to the joy of your salvation. Sustain in us a willing spirit to treasure what you desire; then our hearts will be opened in joy and true gladness.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest. Friends, be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again where all is forgiven, loved, and restored.

The loving mercy of God renews our life. This is good news!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response: “We Are Forgiven”

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the prayer for Illumination:

Loving God, you have created us for life together, life that reflects your generosity towards us. Send your Spirit upon us this day, we pray, that as we hear your word we may meet Jesus, the one in whom all our hungers are fed. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:19-21

(Liturgist)

¹⁹ 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

(Pastor)

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Living the Good Life

Rev. Michelle Fincher

HYMN AFTER SERMON: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work....

I'm gonna pray....

I'm gonna sing.....

Call to offering

(Liturgist)

We bring nothing into this world, and when we depart from it, we will leave it as we arrived, taking nothing out of it. All that we have is a gift from God; therefore, we offer our lives back to God. Thank you for your generosity to God's work in the world through the ministries of this church. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication. . .

Prayer of Dedication

We thank you and praise you, generous God, for every good gift that comes from your hand: for food and shelter, for life and health, for family and friends, and above all, for the treasure of your grace. Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share, taking hold of the life that really is life. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

CLOSING HYMN: "Take My Life"

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee;

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;

Take myself and I will be, Ever only all for Thee, ever only all for Thee.

Take my will make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself and I will be ever only, all for thee, ever only, all for thee.

Benediction

Postlude: **The U.S. Armed Forces Medley** (see *insert* for words)
(Piano and Organ duet)
Jane Kerr, Organist and David Maley, Pianist

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, Director of Music,
David Maley, pianist, Calvary's Choir, Barbara Yost, liturgist, and
Whitney Roberts, technology team