

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lector: We come to You, God of endings and new beginnings, to this last Sunday of the Church year.

ALL: As we have spent the last few days celebrating Thanksgiving, we also look ahead to a new church year of challenges and opportunities

Lector: We honor all those who work to eradicate AIDS, to extend help and treatment and compassion to those impacted and affected by HIV and AIDS, here and around the world.

ALL: We honor all our community partners who enrich our church, its ministry and outreach.

Lector: Help us to follow You, Jesus, into a new year of learning to love, and learning to lean on You!

ALL: Thank You for being a God who reigns with radical love and compassion. May we worship today with confidence and joy!

Amen!

Opening Song "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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First Reading Ephesians 1: 11-23

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Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-45

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Gathering Song "I Give All To You"

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Sermon Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson

Prayers of the People

Join us in singing:

Learning to lean, learning to lean,

I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

Finding more power, than I've ever seen.

I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

Rise as you are able and pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying...

Our Creator, who art in heaven Hallowed be Your name
Your kingdom come Your 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
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory Forever. Amen

Prayers of the People-Continued

Join us in singing:

Learning to lean, learning to lean,

I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

Finding more power, than I've ever seen.

I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

Offering

Offertory & Doxology

Join us in singing

For The Harvests Of The Spirit, Thanks Be To God;

For The Good We All Inherit, Thanks Be To God;

*For The Wonders That Astound Us, For The Truths That Still Confound Us,
Most Of All, That Love Has Found Us, Thanks Be To God.*

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Song

Join us in singing:

*Seek You first, the realm of God. And God's righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and you shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.*

Closing Song

"I've Got A Feeling"

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Benediction

Lyrics

"Love Devine, All Loves Excelling"

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Joy Of Heaven, On Earth Be Found,
Fix In Us A Humble Dwelling, All Your Faithful Mercies Crown;
Jesus, You Are All Compassion; Pure, Unbounded Love Impart.
Visit Us With Your Salvation, Enter Every Trembling Heart.

Come, Almighty To Deliver, Let Us All Your Life Receive;
Suddenly Return, And Never, Nevermore Your Temples Leave.
You We Would Be Always Blessing, Love You As Your Angels Love,
Pray And Praise For Your Unfailing, Wounded Arms Outstretched Above.

Finish, Then, Your New Creation; Pure And Spotless May We Prove;
Let Us See Your Great Salvation Perfectly Restored In You;
Changed From Glory Into Glory, Till In Heaven We Take Our Place,
Crowned As Saints, We Ever Shall Be Lost In Wonder, Love, And Praise.

"I Give All To You"

I Give All My Service To You, I Give All My Service To You;
No Matter The Cost Or What Others Do, I Give All My Service To You.

I Give All My Problems To You, I Give All My Problems To You;
No Matter The Cost Or What Others Do, I Give All My Problems To You.

I Give All My Future To You, I Give All My Future To You;
No Matter The Cost Or What Others Do, I Give All My Future To You.

"I've Got A Feeling"

I've Got A Feeling, Everything Is Gonna Be All Right.
O...I've Got A Feeling, Everything Is Gonna Be All Right.
O...I've Got A Feeling, Everything Is Gonna Be All Right,
Be All Right, Be All Right, Be All Right.

Jesus Already Told Me, Everything Is Gonna Be All Right.
O... Jesus Already Told Me, Everything Is Gonna Be All Right.
O... Jesus Already Told Me, Everything Is Gonna Be All Right,
Be All Right, Be All Right, Be All Right.

The Spirit Has Confirmed It, Everything Is Gonna Be All Right.
O... The Spirit Has Confirmed It, Everything Is Gonna Be All Right.
O... The Spirit Has Confirmed It, Everything Is Gonna Be All Right,
Be All Right, Be All Right, Be All Right.

First Reading

Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in our Sovereign Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of Jesus Christ, the Creator of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Christ, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which you have been called, what are the riches of that glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of that great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And God has put all things under Christ's feet and has made Jesus the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Second Reading

Matthew 25: 31-45

"When the Son of Humanity comes in glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before the Sovereign, who will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the Sovereign will say to those on the right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Creator, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then the righteous will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And the Sovereign will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41Then the Sovereign will say to those on the left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45Then the Sovereign will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'