

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

(Join us in signing when invited)

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask you to tell me if you were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

Leader : Take whatever I can offer – gifts that I have yet to find

People: Skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind

Leader: Things made beautiful for others, in the place where I must be

People: Take my gifts and let me love You, God who first of all loved me!

ALL: As we open our hearts to making a difference in our lives, our community, we come now to worship You in Spirit and in Truth! Amen

(Join us in signing when invited)

*First let me hear how the children stood round your knee,
And I shall fancy your blessing resting on me;
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
All in the love light of Jesus face.*

Opening Song

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending ”

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First Reading

II Corinthians 9:6-8

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Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 8:8-15

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Gathering Song

“Just When I Need You”

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Sermon

“Giving Generously”

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

Song of Reflection

Prayers of the People

(Join us in singing when invited)

*All to Jesus I surrender, All to you I freely give.
I will ever learn to trust you, in your presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to you, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**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*

(Join us in singing when invited)

*All to Jesus, I surrender, God I give myself to you.
Fill my with your love and power, let your blessings fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to you, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

Offering

Offertory & Doxology

Join us in singing

*What Gift Can We Bring, What Present, What Token? What Words Can Convey It,
The Joy Of This Day? When Grateful We Come, Remembering, Rejoicing, What
Song Can We Offer In Honor And Praise?*

Communion

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.

Join us in singing the Communion Song when invited

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Closing Song

“I Thank You Jesus”

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Benediction

Lyrics

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, From Your Rich And Endless Store,
Nature's Wonder, Jesus' Wisdom, Costly Cross, Grave's Shattered Door:
Gifted By You, We Turn To You Offering Up Ourselves In Praise;
Thankful Song Shall Rise Forever, Gracious Donor Of Our Days.

Treasure, Too, You Have Entrusted, Gain Through Powers Your Grace Conferred;
Ours To Use For Home And Kindred, And To Spread The Gospel Word.
Open Wide Our Hands In Sharing As We Heed Christ's Ageless Call,
Healing, Teaching, And Reclaiming, Honoring You By Loving All.

Lend Your Joy To All Our Giving, Let It Light Our Pilgrim Way;
From The Night Of Anxious Keeping, Loose Us Into Generous Day.
Then When Years On Earth Are Over, And We've Lived Our Human Span,
God, Fulfill Beyond Our Dreaming, All Our Stewardship Began.

“Just When I Need You”

Just When I Need You, Jesus Is Near, Just When I Falter, Just When I Fear;
Ready To Help Me, Ready To Cheer, Just When I Need You Most.

Just When I Need You Most, Just When I Need You Most;
Jesus Is Near To Comfort And Cheer, Just When I Need You Most.

Just When I Need You, Jesus Is True, Never Forsaking All The Way Thro';
Giving For Burdens Pleasures Anew, Just When I Need You Most.

Just When I Need You Most, Just When I Need You Most;
Jesus Is Near To Comfort And Cheer, Just When I Need You Most.

“I Thank You Jesus”

I Thank You Jesus, Thank You, Jesus, Thank You Jesus, My Savior God,
For You Brought Me, Yes, You Brought Me From A Mighty, A Mighty Long Way.

I Thank You Jesus, Thank You, Jesus, Thank You, Jesus, My Savior God,
For You Brought Me, Yes, You Brought Me From A Mighty, A Mighty Long Way.

You've Been My Father, Been My Mother, Been My Sister, My Brother, Too,
For You Brought Me, Yes, You Brought Me From A Mighty, A Mighty Long Way.

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For You Brought Me, Yes, You Brought Me From A Mighty, A Mighty Long Way.

“A Place At The Table” Communion Song

For everyone born, a place at the table For everyone born, clean water and bread
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, For everyone born, a star overhead.

Chorus

**And God will delight when we are creators Of justice and joy
Yes, God will delight when we are creators Of justice, justice and joy.**

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,

Chorus

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,

Chorus

First Reading II Corinthians 9: 6-8

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give
as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God
loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in
abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share
abundantly in every good work.

Second Reading II Corinthians 8: 8-15

I'm not trying to order you around against your will. But by bringing in the
Macedonians' enthusiasm as a stimulus to your love, I am hoping to bring the best
out of you. You are familiar with the generosity of Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he
gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich.

So here's what I think: The best thing you can do right now is to finish what you
started last year and not let those good intentions grow stale. Your heart's been in
the right place all along. You've got what it takes to finish it up, so go to it. Once
the commitment is clear, you do what you can, not what you can't. The heart
regulates the hands. This isn't so others can take it easy while you sweat it out.
No, you're shoulder to shoulder with them all the way, your surplus matching their
deficit, their surplus matching your deficit. In the end you come out even.

As it is written,

Nothing left over to the one with the most,
Nothing lacking to the one with the least.