

## **Thanksgiving Bread Service**

### **Gathering Music**

*A Random Act of Senseless Kindness* – South Sixty-Five  
*Give a Little Bit* - Supertramp

### **Welcome & Call to Worship – At this time of thanksgiving – adapted from the Congregation of Abraxas**

### **Chalice Lighting by Nick Wilbourn**

We gather here today to share and give thanks,  
To tell stories and break bread and be together in community.  
We light our chalice this morning in the spirit of thanksgiving,  
With love, hope, and generosity of spirit,  
Grateful for this blessed opportunity to be together.

### **Opening Song – We Give Thanks #1010**

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,  
For all gathered here, and those far away;  
For this time we share with love and care;  
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.  
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,  
For all gathered here, and those far away;  
For this food we share with love and care;  
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

### **Story For All Ages – Give by Jen Arena, illustrated by Rahele Jomepour Bell**

**Musical Interlude & Singing the Children Out** – The Earth is Home –  
Katie Cross

### **Responsive Reading - Prayer for the Great Family**

Gratitude to Mother Earth: Sailing through night and day –  
And to her soil: rich, rare and sweet  
All: *In our minds, so be it.*

Gratitude to Plants: The sun-facing, light-changing leaf and fine root-hairs  
standing still through wind and rain.

All: *In our minds, so be it.*

Gratitude to Air: Bearing the soaring swift and the silent owl at dawn.  
Breath of our song, clear spirit breeze.

All: *In our minds, so be it.*

Gratitude to Wild Beings: Our brothers and sisters, teaching secrets,  
freedoms and ways, who share with us their milk.

All: *In our minds, so be it.*

Gratitude to Water: Clouds, lakes, glaciers; holding or releasing; streaming  
through all our bodies salty seas.

All: *In our minds, so be it.*

Gratitude to the Sun: Blinding pulsing light through trunks of trees, through  
mists, warming caves where bears and snakes sleep. The one who wakes us.

All: *In our minds, so be it.*

Gratitude to the Great Sky: Who holds billions of stars – and goes yet  
beyond that – beyond all powers and thoughts and yet is within us.

Grandfather Space, the Mind is his Wife.

All: *So be it.*

### **Candle for Racial Justice, World Peace, and Climate Justice**

### **Sharing of Joys, Appreciations, and Concerns**

### **Sharing Our Financial Gifts**

**Offertory & Blessing: “Fi’s Gratitude”** – The Legend of Zelda: Skyward  
Sword, composed by Takeshi Hama

### **Setting the Table**

### **Reflection: On Bread, Generosity, and Building Community**

**Musical Interlude** – *Room at the Table* by Carrie Newcomer

**Reading** – “On Eating and Drinking” from The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran

### **Sharing of Bread**

## **Benediction**

### **Closing Song – We Gather Together – #349**

We gather together in joyful thanksgiving, acclaiming creation,  
whose bounty we share,  
both sorrow and gladness we find now in our living,  
we sing a hymn of praise to the life that we bear.

Our earth home provides for blessings unnumbered,  
beneath and beyond all the eye may now see.  
No bounty with holding, with beauty all-enfolding,  
It offers each one's own; for both you and for me.

So join as we sing of this goodness sustaining,  
Let joy banish sorrow as we gather here.  
We share nature's treasure, rejoicing without measure,  
With hearts or'flowing thanks for the bountiful year

### **Extinguishing the Chalice**

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,  
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

### **Postlude – “Grateful: A Song of Giving Thanks” by Art Garfunkel**

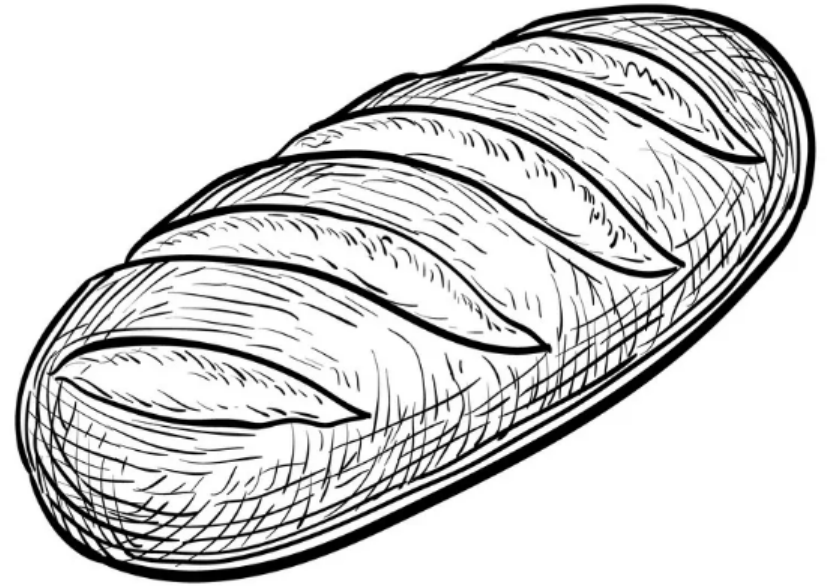
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