

November 17, 2024  
(\*Please stand as you are able)

## PRELUDE

## GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, CONCERNS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150)

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary;

**People: praise him in his mighty heavens.**

Leader: Praise him for his acts of power;

**People: Praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp  
and lyre,

**People: praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings  
and pipe,**

Leader: praise him with the clash of cymbals,

**People: praise him with resounding cymbals.**

**All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

## OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN           *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"* #302 UCC

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, forgive us as we rush headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word "holiday" is actually comprised of two words: "holy" and "day." Forgive us when we treat the "holiday" as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance this day. Help us move past the busyness of the day into the attitude of gratitude we should display for all the many wonders and blessings You have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble and gripe about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. **AMEN.**

(A moment of silent confession)

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news and rejoice! By the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven..

**People: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE                           *"Gloria Patri"*

## CHILDREN'S TIME (*Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

HYMN           *"Count Your Blessings"*           #516 SS

## OFFERING OF OUR TIME, OUR TREASURES, OUR VERY SELVES

*\*We Give Thee But Thine Own* #351 UCC

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Because You know us, O God, You are aware of our reluctance to share what we have. You continue to call us, to challenge us, to use us in the work of Your kingdom. So take these gifts, and continue to call us to faithful lives and generous giving, so that others might be blessed as we are. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen..**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**            Luke 17:11-19

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**MESSAGE**                    "Don't Be A Turkey!"

**\*CLOSING HYMN**            "*For the Beauty of the Earth*" #457 SS

**\*DISMISSAL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY - Guest Speaker Darrell Thompson

Thank you to all who attended the Men's Event last Sunday. Special thanks to all who helped by decorating, preparing, serving, cleaning, and all else. The event was well attended.

We will put up the tree and decorate the church for the Christmas season on Sunday, December 1, at 6 p.m. Pizza will be served afterward in the fellowship hall.

Rev. Smith has written a play for Christmas Eve. If you'd like to act in it, design sets, or help in any way, please contact him. A children's skit will precede the play during Christmas Eve. During decorating on Dec. 1, Tami Roskamp will meet with kids in the church hall to explain their parts for the skit.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Decorate Church: Sunday, December 1, 6:00 p.m.
- Visitation Sunday: Sunday, December 29 (no service)

Brad Doyle is greeter today, Don Roskamp next week. Thanks to the greeter, Darrell, the musician, AV tech - all who helped with the service.

WELCOME ALL! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register and come again.

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