

Order of Worship
Dreaming Together (in the Circle of Blessing)/Veterans Day Sunday
7 November 2021

Prelude: Laura Murach

Welcome: Deacon

Opening Prayer: Deacon

Holy God, your Scripture points beyond conventional understandings to the heart of the matter. Who is rich? Who is poor? How is it that your abundant life is often so apparent among those who have relatively little and so hard to find among those who have so much? And who are we? Rich or poor? Like the widow who “put in everything she had,” teach us to step past conventional understandings of poverty and wealth into the limitless provision of your boundless love. Amen.

Response:

Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Message for All: Sarah Pradhan
(Deacons collect prayer cards)

Hymn “Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless” NCH#461

Scripture: Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,
Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Mark 12:38-44

The grass withers and the flower fades,
But the Word of God shall stand forever.

Message “Beware” Rev. Denny Moon

Veterans Day Celebration (slideshow)

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Sandra Fischer

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Disciple’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, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

“Become to Us the Living Bread” Staff Quartet, Norman McFarlane

Invitation to the Table

And so we gather at the table.
We come from many places,
differing in age, differing in race,
differing in orientation, politics and even religion.
As we come together around the table
we discover that our differences are not something we tolerate
but that our differences are indeed a blessing,
the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience
the presence of the sacred in our midst.
So come, children of God, just as you are.
Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here,
here in this place, here in this community, here at this table.
Come, children of God, come and remember with us.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe,
for you made all things and called them good—
earth, sea, and sky are yours,
every tree and bird, each seed sprouting,
every firefly twinkling and every drop of precious water
is a witness to your grace.
We give you thanks this day for your generosity,
for you are the giver of every good gift.
Today we especially give you thanks for dreamers throughout history who have given us a vision
of what might be. Attune us to your call. Open our hearts. Free our minds. Strengthen our hands
that together we might build a better world for all.
We thank you for your Son
who became flesh and lived among us
in order that we might know the gift of your abundant life
right here in these bodies, right here in this Body.
As we gather at this table, we remember that many are hungry.
As we share the cup together, we remember that many are thirsty.
May the day come soon when there may be food and water for all.
May the day come soon when justice and peace take the place of violence.
May the day come soon when we might turn away from exploiting your creation and turn
toward nurturing a healthy planet for generations to come.
Many grains come together to make bread, and yet our world community is fractured—
as we eat this feast, draw us together in your Spirit.
Make us again into your body, loving, serving, and caring for the world.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Elements

Prayer After Communion

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sung Response

“Thank you, Lord”

United Methodist Hymnal #84

Thank you, Lord
Thank you, Lord
Thank you, Lord
I just want to thank you, Lord.

Closing Song

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

NCH#476vss.1,2 &4

Charge and Blessing

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God;
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

Parting Song:

Pastor Todd

As we go now from this moment,
as we leave behind our time together.
May we walk with one another,
may we help each other on the way.

As we go now from this moment,
as we go into the future together.
May we treasure one another,
may we realize how precious we are.
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Postlude

Marquis of Granby
