

"O Lord, you have searched me and known me."  
- Psalm 139:1



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### Service for the Lord's Day

*Words of Welcome & Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

One: From when we open our eyes each morning, until we close them at night, God is with us.

**Many: There is no one like you, our God!**

One: In times when we are surrounded with struggles, in all the surprising places we find hope, Jesus is with us.

**Many: There is no one like you, Christ our Brother!**

One: When we feel alone in the world when we are welcomed as family, the Holy Spirit is with us.

**Many: There is no one like you, Witnessing Spirit!**

*Hymn*

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies, for the love  
which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale,  
and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic  
harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth,  
and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

5 For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great,  
great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven: [Refrain]

*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness:* Insolently we turn against you, God of truth. When we follow those desires that control us; when we live for ourselves, shutting off the gifts of those around us; when we think we do not need to share love, hope, peace with others, we show how we have joined that league of hooligans who ignore your way of life.

Yet, you have chosen to adopt us as your children, God-who-stands-with-us, forgiving us and making us inheritors with Jesus of your grace and joy. So lead us by the Spirit, that we might follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into creation which groans for love and healing.

*Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.*

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Response*

*"Have Thine Own Way," verse 1*

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

### ***Passing the Peace***

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**Many: and also with you.**

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

### ***Scripture***

*Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24:* 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

3 You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.

5 You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

7 Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

11 If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',

12 even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.

24 See if there is any wicked\* way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.\*

*Romans 8:12-25:* 12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 23and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## **Prayer of Illumination**

***Sermon***

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

***Hymn***

*"When We Are Living"*

1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.
2. Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.
3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

4. Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

*Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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*Response of Praise*

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" verse 1*

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.

*Prayer of Dedication*

Your steadfast love is but one of the many gifts you pour into us. Our offerings are but a part of the ways in which we can serve you and your people. Bless them, and bless us, to ministries of healing and hope. Amen.

*Prayers of the People and the Lord'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, forever. Amen.

*Hymn*      *"May the Lord, Mighty God"*

May the Lord, mighty God,  
bless and keep you forever;  
grant you peace, perfect peace,  
courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see God's face,  
full of grace forever; may the Lord,  
mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

*Charge and Benediction*

Liturgy from Thom M. Shuman: [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)