



The Enemies of Gratitude: Nostalgia

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United Methodist Church
September 26/27, 2020
17th Weekend after Pentecost

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!*

Greetings! May the Holy Spirit touch each of our hearts during worship.
Thank you for your presence!

** = if you are able, we invite you to please stand*

PRELUDE

Ed Pall/Nancy Evans

Fantasia on "Forest Green" Arranged by: Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Meditation:

"Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back
is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62 NRSV

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Folk/Cindy Biesecker, Liturgists

Come, let us worship God who provides for us.

Even though we whine and complain, God hears our cries.

Lift your voices in praise, for God has come to comfort you.

Thanks be to God who forgives and heals our wounded souls.

Come, celebrate God's steadfast love.

Open our hearts, O Lord, and let us truly listen to your words. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come this day to worship with so many things on our hearts and minds.
We are drawn away by problems and cares. Heal our spirits. Open our hearts. Help us be
your disciples. Amen.

*OPENING SONG

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S (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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

CALL TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of abundance, you fill us with good things; you satisfy our thirst; you meet our every need. From your rock, our blessings flow. Accept what we give in return: our hearts, our hands, our gifts, our love. Use them to answer the cries of a world in need. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Come, Thou Fount"* By: J.Wyeth/H.DeCou Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD Exodus 17:1-7 NRSV

THE MESSAGE The Good Old Days Pastor Robin Baer

***SONG OF GOING FORTH**

What Gift Can We Bring?

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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?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever to tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

***BENEDICTION**

Go bravely and boldly into this world of confusion and pain. Bring God's healing words of love and forgiveness. Know the power of mercy and grace in your life and use those wonderful gifts to serve God by serving the people. Go in peace. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude-Mosso Moderato By: J. Blied

Sunday School children, please remain in your seats at the end of worship.