

2. 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.

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

4. This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

*Scripture *Luke 7:36-50* Debbie Krueger

Message *Grateful for Christ and Our Church*

Reverend Burke Owens

*Hymn *O Worship the King* UMH 73

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude *Come, Thou Fount* Jason D. Payne (b. 1980)

**Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*



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10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Marianne Kim (b. 1972)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Life of the Community Linda Grossman

*Call to Worship Linda Grossman

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

We give thanks for the gift of warm bread, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life. Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* United Methodist Hymnal 103

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

VirtuAll Voices *Come As You Are*

Ben Glover, David Crowder, Matt Redman
arr. Dan Galbraith

Children's Moment

Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Prayers of the People

Reverend Burke Owens

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, for these gifts,
we give you thanks!

Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Burke Owens

*Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *God of Comfort, God of Courage* Wilbur Chenoweth

Invitation to the Offering Linda Grossman

Offertory Prayer

God of abundance, as we bring gifts to your altar, we confess that we have wallowed in scarcity thinking. We worry that we might not have enough – not just in our own lives but also as part of your church eternal. Our scarcity thinking has sentenced us to think small in what we can do and moved us to believe in the dark corners of our consciousness that you are somehow limited. Forgive us when we have been afraid to believe that you have enough to meet every need the world had in the past, has now, and will have in the future. As witnesses of Christ's abundant love, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

*Doxology UMH 94

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, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn *What Gifts Shall We Bring* UMH 87

1. 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?