Mapleton Area Community Thanksgiving Service

November 24, 2020

PRELUDE MUSIC                             Beauford UMC

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING PRAYER

O God,

**in your Son Jesus Christ you richly bless us with all that we need, bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world.**

**Grant us one thing more:  grateful hearts to sing your praise, in this world and the world to come.  Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP                     Psalm 95:2—3 (Thanksgiving)                            Shift Worship

ENTRANCE

 Give thanks and bless God’s name;

**For God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof;

**The world and those who dwell therein.**

OPENING HYMN                       ***For the Beauty of the Earth***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

 **who has created and is creating,**

 **who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

 **to reconcile and make new,**

 **who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

 **to celebrate God’s presence,**

 **to live with respect in Creation,**

 **to love and serve others,**

 **to seek justice and resist evil,**

 **to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

 **our judge and our hope.**

 **in life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.  We are not alone.  Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**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**

SPECIAL MUSIC                                                                                                                             St. Teresa’s

OLD TESTAMENT READING   Deuteronomy 8:7-18

PSALM 100 (read responsively)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations**.

SPECIAL MUSIC                United Church

GOSPEL                                                       Luke 17:11-19

MESSAGE                    “Two, Four, Six, Eight, *How* Do We Appreciate?”              Pastor Neil Ellingson

HYMN                                 ***Let All Things Now Living***

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

 Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be your obedient people.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God.  AMEN**

OFFERING                  (All gifts given can be marked: Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf)

SPECIAL MUSIC                 Faith Bible Church

OFFERING RESPONSE              *Give Thanks*                         Denise Nienow

DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC                      *Thanksgiving Medley*         St. John’s Worship Choir

SENDING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING

Go in peace with thankful hearts, and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God**

SENDING HYMN            All Creatures of our God and King

**Thanksgiving Worship Leaders**

(in order of appearance)

Prelude - Beauford United Methodist Church (Paulette Booker)

Opening Liturgy - Pastor Steve Berkeland (St. John Lutrhean Church)

Creed and Prayers - Pastor Jeff Adams (Beauford United Methodist Church)

Special Music - St. Teresa Catholic Church

O.T. and Psalm - Father Andrew Vogel

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Special Music - United Church of Mapleton

Sermon - Pastor Neil Ellingson (United Church of Mapleton)

Confession/Peace - Pastor Carollee Smith (Beauford United Methodist Church)

Special Music - Faith Bible Church

Pianist/Offering Response - St. John’s (Denise Nienow)

Special Music - St. John Lutheran Church