

Order of Service: November 23, 2025

Title: We Give Thanks, Bread Communion

Speaker: Susan Stevens Chambers

Worship Associate: Molly Reinmann

Pianist: Jo Breckenridge

Sound Booth: Daniel Possin

Story for all ages: Director of Lifespan Faith Formation, Macey Forsyth

Childcare Attendant: Linden Anthony

Prelude/Opening Slideshow

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Bowl

Chalice Lighting

If you are viewing through Zoom, please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street], and join in saying these words:

We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship: The Sixth Recognition of the Lord by Mary Oliver

Opening Hymn: #73 ~ Chant For the Seasons (gray hymnal)

(Start with Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter) Words: Mark L. Belletini Music: Czech fold song Arranged by Grace Lewis-McLaren

Story: Sun Bread by Eliza Kleven

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002 (teal hymn) by Mimi Borstein

Comfort me, share my joy/comfort me, Oh my soul. (2X)

Offertory

Reading: A Valley Like This, by William Stafford

Music Video: What a Wonderful World

Sermon: Susan Stevens Chambers "We Give Thanks"

PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD PLEASE COME FORWARD WITH YOUR BREAD TO ONE OF THE MICROPHONES, GIVE YOUR NAME, AND A SENTENCE OR TWO ABOUT YOUR BREAD AND PLACE IT ON THE TABLE.

WHEN ALL BREADS ARE PLACED:

BLESSING

We bless these loaves,
we bless this bread we have in common with
one another and with people all over the earth.
We bless these loaves in grateful recognition
of the many gifts of life, earned and unearned,
that feed us, sustain us, and nourish us.

SHARING OF THE BREAD PLEASE COME FORWARD AND SELECT BREAD SLICES

Closing Hymn: # 1010 ~ Oh We Give Thanks, Teal hymnal
Words and music by: Wendy Luella Perkins

Chalice Extinguishing

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again. (Elizabeth Selle Jones)

Benediction

Singing Benediction: "May the Longtime Sun" (the final three minutes of "A Very Cellular Song" written by Mike Heron and performed by The Incredible String Band)

*May the Longtime Sun Shine Upon You
All love surround you
And the pure, pure light that's within you
Guide your way home*

Postlude