

SouthWest United Church
October 11, 2020, Thanksgiving Sunday

Words of Welcome

Gathering MV 1 Let Us Build a House (vs4)

Candle

As we light this candle with faith, we reach beyond ourselves, to find that grace which strengthens our spirit; to hear that word which changes us; and to come closer to the sacred, and to remember the light of the world. Amen

Call to Worship

God of the rivers, you bring water to our communities that quenches our thirst and soaks our fields. God of the land, you nourish the soil and grow life in trees and grasses and gardens. God of the harvest, you bring forth bounty from the earth and share it with us. God of community, you call on us to share with one another, to make room at our table, to be grateful. **We praise you, O God! Let us shout and sing together with joy!**

Opening Prayer

We give thanks to You – blessed, mysterious Life-Giver, for one more day to experience the miracle of creation. With every breath, we remember that life is a gift, and we give thanks. With every step, we know the wonder of walking on the earth and we give thanks. With every word, we affirm God’s transforming love for each of us, and we give thanks. Holy Beloved, through You all things are made new, possibilities arise, hope is reborn, and we give thanks. In our worship this day, and as

we go forth, may we breathe gratitude and live love. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Hymn VU 222 Come Let Us Sing (vs1&2)

**Prayers for Grace and Transformation/
Words of Assurance**

**Scripture: Psalm 65
Luke 17: 11-19**

Reflection – Walking With Jesus

***Hymn MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name
(vs1,3,4)***

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory Hymn

Offertory Prayer -God, through your love you have given us gifts to share. Accept and bless our offerings as an example of our deep thanks for everything which enriches our lives. Amen.

Announcements

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

Extinguish Candle

We extinguish the flame but we carry the light in our hearts until we meet again. Amen

Benediction

Hymn VU 342 You Servants of God (vs1&4)

Luke 17:11-19 (ESV)
Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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