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## UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THANKSGIVING 2022

### PRELUDE

### GREETINGS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim his greatness.

**People: Tell the nations what God has done.**

Leader: Sing praise to the Lord.

**People: Tell the wonderful things God has done.**

Leader: Be glad that we belong to God.

**People: Let all who worship God rejoice.**

### UNISON PRAYER

**Give us, our Father, a sense of your presence as we come together for worship. Grant us grateful hearts as we remember your goodness, penitent hearts as we remember our sins, and joyful hearts as we remember your unending love. Enable us to lift up our hearts in humble prayer and fervent praise, so that we can respond to your grace by serving your purpose in the world today. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### HYMN "We Gather Together"

*1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

*2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!*

*3. We all do extol thee, our leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

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### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE - Psalm 147:1-11, NIV

*1 Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! 2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. 3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. 4 He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. 6 The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground. 7 Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. 8 He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. 9 He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. 10 His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior; 11 the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.*

SERMON "The Immensity of God"

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord, you have given us so many gifts in the past year. We thank you for watching over us and guiding us. Thank you for your faithfulness and for promising never to leave us. Now we offer to you what you have given us; use us and all of our gifts to help others come to know you for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

HYMN "Let All Things Now Living"

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished, and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*His law he enforces; the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine,  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving;  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

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BENEDICTION

*"Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his understanding has no limit." - Psalm 147:5*