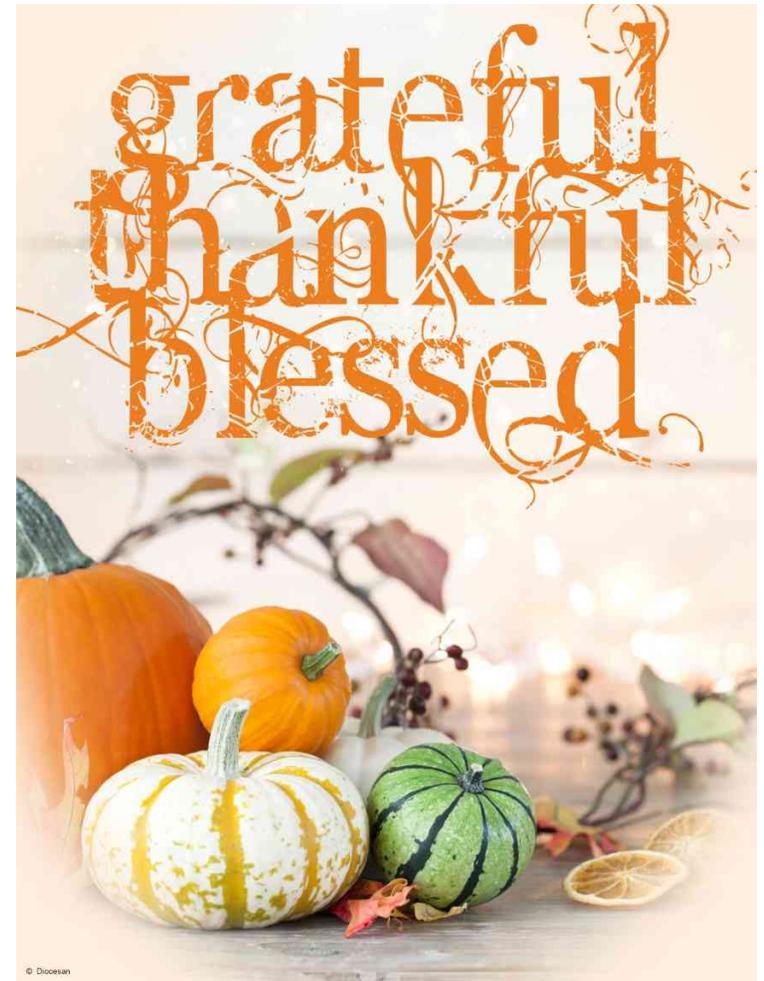


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Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm





The Order of Worship

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As you enter this evening, surrounded by the quiet of this space and by the music of the prelude, you are invited to spend a few moments in quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship and allow yourself to be surrounded by the peace of Christ before we begin. Tonight we are reminded of the blessedness that is experienced in both the ordinary and extraordinary of our lives. It is a call to gratitude, as voiced in thankfulness, as response for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives and in the world.

Prelude: "For the Fruit of All Creation" - Holstein

*Call to Worship

One: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

All: Throughout our lives, even in times of trial and struggle, God has blessed us with love and hope.

One: Praise be to God who provides for us.

All: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

One: Hallelujah!

All: Amen

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come" #721

Gathering Prayer (in unison)

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this night in gratitude for all the ways you have touched our lives. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy Name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Songbirds

"Give Thanks"

Meditation

Reflection 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18

Vs. 1 Borning Cry #680

Quiet Meditation

Reflection Psalm 100: 4-5

Vs 2 Borning Cry #680

Quiet Meditation

Reflection Philippians 4: 6-7

Vs. 3 Borning Cry #680

Quiet Meditation

Reflection John 6: 35

Vs. 1 to (Fine) Borning Cry #680

Quiet Meditation

A Closing Prayer

*Benediction

Give Thanks #359

*Postlude: "For the Beauty of the Earth" - Cardall