



Community Thanksgiving Service

November 22, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Granger United Methodist Church

(CCLI #20349450)



Greeting

Rev. Bruce Hartley, Granger UMC

Call to Worship:

Leader: We are “gathered” together to fix our eyes on Jesus. We come to this place to acknowledge his reign over our lives. We worship in word and song and deed to bring glory to our God. Join me in celebrating God’s grace and abundance.

All: *God, we worship you, we love you, and we adore you. We bring you our songs and prayers and actions that you may know the true depth of our love and adoration for you. Amen.*

Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Lynne Rench, Granger UMC

The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) p. 140, v. 1, 2

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Invocation (unison)

Pastor Jane Piehl, Sharon Center UMC

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. To you we offer our praise and prayer, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make your ways known to us. Show us the path on which we should walk. Lead us in your truth and teach us. For you alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust; and the One on whom we wait. Amen.

Scripture Focus: Psalm 137:1-6

Pastor Jane Piehl

Message: “Songs in the Night”

Pastor David Maly, Remsen Christian Church

Responsive Prayer

Rev. Tom Fox, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

One: O God of promises, you remind us again and again that you are present with your people.
When our hearts are broken,

All: You are here.

One: When we wait in worry to hear about a diagnosis,

All: You are here.

One: When we lose the ones we love,

All: You are here.

One: Where anyone is hungry or thirsty,

All: You are here.

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One: When we feel like strangers,

All: You are here.

One: Where anyone is sick or in need of care and company,

All: You are here.

One: When people are in prison,

All: You are here.

One: When anyone needs clothing,

All: You are here.

One: Loving God, You are with us when we suffer. Empower us to be with others as they suffer, our neighbors both near and far. You are here, God in the midst of suffering—and we want to be where you are. Now with the confidence of children we pray...

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"

The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) p. 102, v. 1, 3

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Benediction

Rev. Bruce Hartley

Food donations for the offering may be dropped off at any of the four churches through November 29. From there they'll be picked up and delivered to Highland Family Network for distribution in the community.

