



**Immanuel United Church of Christ
Ferguson, Missouri
November 20, 2022**

Order of Worship

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

All hymns are from the Chalice Hymnal
* Please stand if you are able

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Carolyn Rock

***RINGING OF THE BELL and CHIMES**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Barb Krewson

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

God protects us in time of danger:

and guards us from every evil.

God calls us into relationship with him:

and forms us into one holy people.

Therefore, shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

***HYMN**

"O Worship the King"

#17

***INVOCATION**

Almighty God, we thank You for the blessings we receive every day. We thank You for everything You have done for us. Thank You for the beauty that surrounds us, thank You for Your provision, for our family and friends, for our health, but most of all, thank You for sending Your son Jesus Christ to the cross to take away our sins, our diseases, our pain and our sorrows. Thank You Jesus for Your sacrifice. Thank You that You loved us enough to shed Your blood and die for us and thank You for our salvation. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

READINGS OF DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

¹ "When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have

come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

READINGS OF 1 THESSOLIANS 5:12-18

¹²But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us, and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Faith is eager to respond, thank you, Thanksgiving, for sending me your impulses of delight in what God has done. I will happily transpose those into faith and keep on trusting God. I will keep believing in Jesus for more grace. Amen.

HYMN

“Give Thanks”

#528

SERMON

**“Every Day is
a Day of Thanksgiving”**

Min. Kimberly
McKenzie

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

Your gift can’t make God richer! Before you give God, any thanksgiving offering, regular or special, make sure your heart is overflowing with gratitude. God looks at the heart, not at the outward appearance.

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We’re grateful for your invitation to move and give faithfully and abundantly, God. We ask that you would extend your blessings over these gifts that we now offer so that they can be multiplied in service to you and the missions of this congregation. May it be so! Amen.

***HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God

#715

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – Please return your pledge cards and Enlisting in Ministry forms. Thank you.
- COFFEE & DONUTS will be served 9:00-9:30 a.m. and immediately after worship from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sundays, after worship, Ed. Bldg.
- ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION – Today, after worship, Reception Room.
- INTERFAITH DIALOGUE – Today, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2-4pm, Room 202
- DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS – Tuesday, Nov. 22, 6:00pm followed by fellowship at Ferguson Brewhouse.
- QUILTING – Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.
- PRAYER AND SHARE – Wednesday, Nov. 23, 10:00am, Library
- CHURCH OFFICE – Will be closed on Thursday and Friday. Happy Thanksgiving!
- ADVENT FESTIVAL – Sunday, Nov. 27, after worship, crafts followed by lunch. Please RSVP by today, Nov. 20.
- POINSETTIAS – Orders are due by Dec. 4. Look for insert in bulletin.
- ECH FOOD TOTES – Pick up empty totes in the narthex or Ed Bldg. Return completed totes to the narthex or Room 100 by Dec. 11.
- BUDGET MEETING – Sunday, Dec 18, to approve the 2023 budget.