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Thanksgiving Sunday
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude My Lord, What a Morning — Traditional Spiritual arr. Rebecca Bonam

Welcome — Pastor Sunae

Opening Prayer (responsive) — George Han

Leader: We gather this morning with grateful hearts,
thanking God for the gifts of life, harvest, and unending mercy.
People: We need Your presence on our long roads, Lord -
the paths between daily worry and deep hope,
between the places of loss and the places of renewal.
Leader: Like the disciples walking to Emmaus, we yearn for Your company.
People: Walk with us when our eyes are blind to Your grace.
Warm our hearts as Your word is opened to us.
All: Jesus, stand among us in Your risen power and quiet grace.
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour,
and fill our lips with endless thanks. Amen.

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Opening Song (organ) — (Please stand if able)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
UMH 694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Children's Moment

Margaret LeWright

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

George Han

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Leader: May God bless the reading of this Holy Word.
All: Amen.

Response — ¡Cantar! — J. Althouse, LMUMC Choir

Sermon — Stay With Us — Rev. Ken Schoon, Deacon

Prayers & Gratitudes (organ)

Jesus Remember Me
UMH 488 (3x)

Jesus, remember me
when you come
into your kingdom.
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into your kingdom.

Pastoral Prayer — Pastor Sunae

The Lord's Prayer **Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)**
**Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.*
Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

TFWS 2195 (2x)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Closing Song

(Please stand if able)

We Are Marching

TFWS 2235-b

1. We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, ooo
we are marching in the light of God.

2. We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, singing, we are singing, ooo
we are singing in the light of God.

3. We are walking in the light of God,
we are walking in the light of God.
We are walking in the light of God,
we are walking in the light of God.
We are walking, walking, we are walking, ooo
we are walking in the light of God.

4. We are praying in the light of God,
we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God,
we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, praying, we are praying, ooo
we are praying in the light of God.

5. We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, ooo
we are marching in the light of God.

Closing Prayer (responsive)

George Han

Leader: May the Lord bless you and hold you close,
may the Lord fill your heart with an overwhelming sense of peace
and an abundance of gratitude.
May you rest in the assurance that God loves you
completely, uniquely, and beyond measure.

People: May we step into the fullness of God's love for us,
may God's love kindle within us
a yearning to reach out to those who need us.
May we work for justice, cling to kindness,
and walk humbly with Christ in our midst.

All: May we live for one another and for God like never before,
with open hands, minds, and hearts,
not just during the short days of this thanksgiving season,
but for each and every day to come.
In the name of the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Katy Shevel (adapt)

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

Traditional Welsh Melody
arr. Stephen Nielson