

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Thanksgiving Service**  
November 22, 2009  
9:30 A.M.

(\* indicates congregation will please stand)

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome-Trish Hallihan

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 67:4-6

*Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.*

**People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

*Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.*

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\* Opening Hymn: *Blessed Be Your Name* (see insert)

\* We Greet One Another

\* Songs of Praise: *I Stand in Awe of You* (see insert)  
*He Knows My Name* (see insert)

\* Opening Prayer

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Prayer of Confession:

*Leader: Loving God, we gather today, rich in blessing, somehow believing that we merit the wealth and comforts we enjoy. Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare blankly in our direction.*

**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Leader: With bellies full of grain and meat, we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world and we feel we have done enough. Forgive us, God for keeping a distance between "us" and "them", for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry.*

**People: Christ, have mercy on us**

*Leader: With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world. Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to ensure freedom and justice for all*

**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

Hymn of Response: *Now Thank We All Our God* #454, *Psalter Hymnal*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Children's Message-Deb Niehof

Scripture: Exodus 25:1-9, 35:4-9, 36:6-7 (pp. 75, 85, 86)

Message: **Generous Offerings for God's Tent**

Prayer of Application

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn of Gratitude: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* #458, *Psalter Hymnal*

Sharing Time: Thanksgiving Blessings

Morning Prayer

Offering (The second offering is for Youth and Shelter Services.)

Offertory: *Good to Me* #71, ***Sing! a new creation***

(While the offering is being taken, please sign and pass the red fellowship pads.)

Hymn of Dedication: *Give Thanks* #216, ***Sing! a new creation***

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing from God

\* Closing Hymn: *We Receive Your Blessing* (see insert)

\* Postlude

Organ/Piano: Jill Friend