

***Benediction**

Rev. Rick Hull

***Response: "Shalom"**

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. *(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)*

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. *(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)*

Postlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude as we enjoy the music and God's presence together. If you need to go, please feel free to do so. Go with God's blessings.

In Appreciation:

- Greeters:** Betsy Eskridge, Luda Wright
- Ushers:** Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
- Parking:** Russ Hart
- Sound System:** Jonathan Sakikabara
- Zoom Moderator/Greeter:** Lori Hart
- Altar Flowers:** Terri Bowman



The Celebration of Worship

November 23, 2025 • Thanksgiving Sunday

- Guest Pastor: Rev. Rick Hull
- Worship Leader: Dave McGill
- Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
- Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
- Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai
- YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto

Centering Prayer for Each New Day

*Blessed are You, Holy One, Giver of all good things,
 Who has set us in a world of soaring beauty, and profound mystery.
 Who has set us within the eternal context of fragrant spring mornings,
 and brisk, clear autumn nights. . .we thank You.
 We acknowledge that our life is a gift, a gift to be savored,
 a gift to be lived out, in freedom and responsibility.
 As we worship, we delight in Your presence and care over all creation;
 grant us grace, living God; grace that blesses all it touches,
 that lightens every load.
 Bringer of Light and Love and Life eternal, thank you for
 giving us this new day to share our thanks with You. Amen.*

Prelude

Nancy Arata-Fong

* Those who can, please stand

***Introit**

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Welcome and Announcements

Dave McGill

Call to Worship

Dave McGill

Leader: On this Thanksgiving Sunday, bring your gratitude to God and share your stories of blessings!

People: Awesome, wondrous God, as the trees reflect the dazzling autumn sun, so may our lives reflect Your glory.

Leader: Creator God, You have made an intricate and diverse world, and put us in it to care for it reverently and responsibly.

All: Source of All goodness and gratitude, we come to You with thanksgiving. We gather to worship you, God of Generosity, from whom all blessings flow!

***Opening Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (#551)**

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

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield; Wheat and tares together sown, unto 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.

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

***Doxology**

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Dave McGill

Joys & Concerns

Dave McGill

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Sending Hymn: Let All Things Now Living (#554)**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise: till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Rick Hull

“The Hand That Brings Thanksgiving”

Acts 3:1-10

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at that gate of the temple which is called Beautiful to ask alms of those who entered the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, with John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up he stood and walked and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Musical Interlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

Opportunity To Present Offerings

All: Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because God’s given Jesus Christ, God’s Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.

Even so, Lord quickly come to 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.

Invitation to Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: Let’s come to God in humility to say “thank you” and also to say, “we’re sorry”. Let’s open ourselves to God’s sacred grace and generosity and ask for hearts to see the ways we have harmed God and others with our indifference and ingratitude.

Prayer of Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: Eternal God, we come to you stressed and distracted and in need of a spirit of gratitude this Thanksgiving season.

People: Preoccupied with holiday plans, we forget the feast of wonders You have made in this world. We live with the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love to go around.

Leader: You have made a world of abundance and intend for us to share so that all may have enough to thrive.

People: Forgive us when we lose our sense of hospitality and community. Forgive us for overlooking our endless blessings.

All: Open our hearts to recognize Your constant care for us and all the world, and to respond with gratitude. .

A Time for Contemplation

This time of quiet is offered to encourage you to share your personal thoughts with God as well as listen to God through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Assurance of God's Grace

Dave McGill

Leader: Instead of giving into shame and fear, we embrace God's grace, love, and the gift of a new beginning today and every day. People: This Thanksgiving and always, we thank God for the gift of God's Son Jesus, our Savior and dearest Friend.

All: We believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Response to God's Forgiveness:** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (#582 Glory to God hymnal)

All Sing: Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Dave McGill

Leader: As the forgiven and redeemed people of God, let us share our peace and joy with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Choir Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

Children's Message

Rev. Rick Hull

Children and youth may now leave for YES.

***Hymn of Reflection:** Now Thank We All Our God (#555)

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.

O may this bounteous God through all our lives be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to
Father and to Son and Spirit now be given. The one eternal
God, Whom earth and heaven adore; the God Who was, and
is, and shall be evermore.

Unison Prayer of Guidance

**All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations
of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the
response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and
our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

1st Scripture Reading (Japanese)

Miko Kumagai

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from
the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like
shifting shadows.

2nd Scripture Reading

Dave McGill

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with
gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the
Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his
people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with
thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and
praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures
forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.