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Thanksgiving

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.

All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song VU #242 – *“Let All Things Now Living”*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Long ago a vineyard was planted. The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

All: But the vines grew wild, the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

One: What happened in that place of promise?

All: People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.

One: Let us again turn to God, who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

All: Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word.

One: Let us praise God this day of Thanksgiving.

All: Let us praise and worship God in gratitude.

* Opening Hymn VU #218 – *“We Praise You, O God”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Most Gracious God we greet you once again in this sacred space. We have come because we need to be reminded of your love and your expectations for our living. We are like the vine you planted, watered and protected. We know in our hearts that we need, want and desire your presence in our lives. In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver. (a moment of silence) Let us pray.

O God, we know that we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbours, we forget to thank you. Forgive us. (a moment of silence for private confession) Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon / Passing the Peace

Thanksgiving Litany – (see insert)

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Isaiah 5:1-7

Matthew 21:33-46

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

* Hymn VU #522 – *“Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest”*

Reflection – *“What are we Thankful for?”*

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – *“We Come To Say Thank You”*

The Response

* Offering / Response (VU #544)

In gratitude and humble trust

we bring our best today.

To serve your cause and share your love

With all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us

In Jesus Christ, your Son,

teach us to give ourselves each day

until life's work is done.

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer - (see insert)

* Closing Hymn MV #182 – *“Grateful”*

Benediction / Response (VU #227)

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God,

For the wonders that astound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Patrick Woodbeck, Student Minister
Heather Karavas, Office Administrator
Nancy Sulkers, Liturgist

Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist
Gina Grant, Custodian

Welcome Ministry: Gord & Shirley Goossen, Lois Keddie