

**MEADOWBROOK
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *arr. by Robert Lau* Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Joel K. Boyd

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

**Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively spoken) (Psalm 8:1) Lee Gross

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Congregation: **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #285

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in unison) (Psalm 8:3-8 adapted, The Message) Lee Gross

Lord, we look up at Your macro-skies, dark and enormous, Your handmade sky-jewelry, Moon and stars mounted in their settings. Then we look at our micro-selves and wonder, Why do You bother with us? Why take a second look our way? Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods, bright with Eden's dawn light. You put us in charge of Your handcrafted world, repeated to us Your Genesis-charge. Be with us by the Holy Spirit as we pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Give Thanks" #282

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOMENT Colleen Foster

(Children are released to Sunday School.)

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-4 | Page #91 NT Lee Gross

Leader: This is the Gospel message of our Savior.

Congregation: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

ANTHEM "I Will Give Thanks" *by Craig Courtney* Sanctuary Choir
(See insert for lyrics)

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Joel K. Boyd

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "We Declare Your Majesty" *arr. by Mark Hayes* Dave Howland

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 90:1-4

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

SERMON TITLE "Before the Mountains" Rev. Joel K. Boyd

***SENDING HYMN** "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" #284

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" *arr. by Michael Helman* Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Sanctuary Choir
GREETERS: Walt and Jan Covert | **LITURGIST:** Lee Gross

The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by Mary Crockett's family in celebration of her 100th birthday.

Following Worship, all are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for our Pilgrim Potluck.

"I Will Give Thanks" by Craig Courtney

*I will give thanks to You with all my heart; and I will tell of all Your wondrous deeds.
I will rejoice in You and be glad; I will sing the praises of Your name, O most High!
I proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness into the night.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.
My heart is steadfast, Lord, my heart is sure; I will sing praise to You, make melody.
Among the nations, I give You thanks, I will sing of You among the peoples, O God.
For great is Your love above the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.
O, be exalted, Lord, above the heav'ns, and let Your glory be over all the earth.
Awake, my soul, awake, O harp and lyre, for the joy at what Your hands have done, Lord most high.
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