

HYMN 227 For the fruit of all creation

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OPENING HEARTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

ANTHEM Thou visitest the earth

Maurice Greene

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it, and crownest the year with thy goodness. (from Psalm 65)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 236 Now thank we all our God

Nun Danket

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Participating in worship leadership this morning: Greig Cooke (co-ordinating greeter); Joan Good, Jim Kappelé, Sheila Kappelé, Aubrey Peterson (greeters); Greg Konzelman (reader); Connie Capes-Leslie (liturgist and preacher); Judi Healy (sound); Peter Merrick and the Choir.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Howie Mills from Geegee and family.

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Gratitude

To be grateful for what is,
instead of underscoring what is not.

To find good amid the unwanted aspects of life,
without denying the presence of the unwanted.

To focus on beauty in the little things of life,
as well as being deliberate about the great beauties
of art, literature, music and nature.

To be present to one's own small space of life,
while stretching to the wide world beyond it.

To find something to laugh about in every day,
even when there seems nothing to laugh about.

To search for and to see the good in others,
rather than remembering their faults and weaknesses.

To be thankful for each loving deed done by another,
no matter how insignificant it might appear.

To taste life to the fullest,
and not take any part of it for granted.

To seek to forgive others for their wrongdoings,
even immense ones, and to put the past behind.

To find ways to reach out and help the disenfranchised,
while also preserving their dignity and self-worth.

To be as loving and caring as possible,
in a culture that consistently challenges these virtues.

To remember to say or send "thank you"
for whatever comes as a gift from another.

To be at peace
with what cannot be changed.

Joyce Rupp

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

October 11, 2009 10:30 a.m.

THANKSGIVING

*The congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.*

OPENING DOORS

PRELUDE Prelude on "Rhosymedre" *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING *(The congregation stands as able)*

On this day of thanksgiving,
let us give thanks to God
for the gift of creation and of each other.
**Let us give thanks to God
for the sun and the rain that help plants to grow.
For the fruits of the earth which help us to grow.**
On this day of thanksgiving,
let our voices offer praise to our Creator God.
**Let us give thanks to God
as we worship this day.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 226 For the beauty of the earth *Dix*

OPENING PRAYER *(The congregation remains standing)*

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray:
**God of the harvest,
we give you thanks for the beautiful colours of autumn
and for the cycle of changing seasons.
We also give thanks for the earth's harvest
that nourishes our bodies,
and for your love which sustains our spirits.**

**Help us to take care of one another,
and to care for all creation;
for by caring for those whom you love,
we show our thanks. Amen.**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to share the Peace with a neighbour.)

LEARNING TOGETHER TIME

SONG Thank you, God, on this day *Edelweiss*

**Thank you, God, on this day, for our many good blessings.
Thank you, God, on this day, for our blessings and friendships.
Glory to God, may you hear our prayer. Guide us on forever.
Thank you, God, on this day, for our many good blessings.**

OPENING MINDS

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Joel 2: 21-27

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 126 *Page 850*

GOSPEL Matthew 6: 24-34

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MOTET The eyes of all wait upon thee *Jean Berger*

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15,16)

SERMON The Waiting Game