

November 8th: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Ah, but a person’s reach must exceed his or her grasp...else what is Heaven for?”

+Prelude

Choral Call to Worship *“Lord God Almighty”*

**Proclamation of Praise*

Leader: As the seasons of the earth change and we with them,

People: The Lord our God remains as he was, is now, and ever shall be.

Leader: From birth to death, we are blessed beyond measure to witness and be part of an ever-evolving cycle of life,

People: While the Creator of it all, from the beginning of it all, is the one immovable constant through it all.

Leader: And so, even as we experience the wonder and awe of all things new from year to year and generation to generation,

People: We still take refuge in and comfort from the sameness of our God:

All: Who was, is, and will always be our rock, our shelter, our home.

**Prayer of Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer (page 16 in the hymnbook)*

**Hymn No. 285 “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”*

Time With the Children

+Welcome and Announcements

Anthem *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord, you who are the Holy Other God of the Universe and who are the same intimate, personal Father to us as you were to Jesus: we begin now our season of *Thanksgiving* to you. In these precious hours of November worship, as your people, your family, in this sanctuary, may we feel in the depths of our emotion the deepest gratitude for you, to you. Let us gather up our lives, all that we have been provided, all the relationships forged, all the marvelous human advances we have lived through—and offer you our awed thanksgiving for bringing us into being, and allowing us the pure pleasure of this wondrous experience of life.

We each and all thank you: God, Father, Lord...for it all.

Choral Response

Thanksgiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *“Halleluia, Glory Be”*

**Doxology (page 591 in the hymnbook)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

**Prayer of Dedication*

*Hymn No. 301 **“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”**

Scripture: Luke 2:13-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *“The Angels’ Song”*

*Hymn No. 555 **“Now Thank We All Our God”**

*Benediction

*Choral Response *“We Sing of Your Glory”*

*Postlude