



A Service of Thanksgiving
Community Thanksgiving Service
Tryon Clergy Cohort
Tryon United Methodist Church
November 19, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Invitation and Gathering

Gathering to Worship

Ms. Pam McNeil, organ

Prelude

Canon in D

Ms. Pam McNeil, organ
Ms. Breanna Cochran, piano

Centering Words and Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Rev. Carl Wanamaker

Overflow with beauty and joy like the pastures and hills of a verdant spring.

Shout and sing praise like the meadows and valleys of an abundant harvest.

Praise God, the giver of life.

Praise God, who blesses our World.

Praise God, who heals our wounds.

Praise God, who cares for our needs.

Praise God, the giver and maker of all.

Welcome

Rev. Lynnette Sills

Invocation

Rev. Lynnette Sills-Congregation

God eternal: creator and sustainer, we gather to give you thanks.

We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth.

**We give thanks for the blessings of your creatures and the breeze
and breath of life.**

Christ: redeeming and forgiving One,

Who is always faithful and merciful,

We gather to give you thanks.

We pray for peace to calm the chaos of our souls.

For hope, restoring our faith.

For renewal, transforming our lives.

Spirit: sustaining and compassionate One,
who calls us into relationship with the living God,

We give you thanks.

For caring when our hearts are aching.

For friends supportive in times of need.

For generosity lavish and overflowing.

Holy One, we come with hearts full of gratitude,

For all things good,

We give thanks to You.

Let us Worship! Amen.

❖ Hymn

To God Be the Glory

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Confession and Pardon

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Kevin Lynch

O Great and Giving One,

*We come before You knowing that we have broken Your great community in
thought, word, and deed.*

*You have always provided. When strangers came to this land, Your people
generously provided for them, teaching them of the many gifts that have come from
Your hands.*

They welcomed them and showed them a feast of giving thanks.

Yet, as people walked on in life, those gifts were often forgotten, and the people were too often betrayed. In many ways, a time for thanksgiving was turned into a time of mourning.

Forgive us for all the ways we have not loved our relatives and restore us to walk in ways that show our thanks for all Your gifts.

As Jesus forgave those who turned from him, forgive us that we may walk your good path, and honor You for your many gifts.

We pray these things, asking for grace and forgiveness. We pray these things in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Rev. Dr. Allan Purtil--Congregation

Children of God, look up and give thanks for healing and forgiveness.

Your faith has made you well.

For food in our homes and roofs over our heads,

We give God our thanks and praise.

For healing in our bodies and renewal in our souls,

We give God our thanks and praise.

For gifts we can share and gifts we have received,

We give God our thanks and praise.

For this beautiful earth and its abundant provisions,

We give God our thanks and praise.

For friends and family and the kindness of strangers,

We give God our thanks and praise.

For Christ's call to live lives of purpose and passion,

We give God our thanks and praise.

Thanks be to God.

Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;

World without end.

Amen. Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith
Wanamaker**

Rev. Carl

I believe in Creator, in God the Father, in the One who made everything.

I believe the One from Above knows our struggles with unbelief, so a way was made for us to know God walking on earth by sending God's Son, Jesus. That's how much God loves us.

I believe in Jesus, the Waymaker, the Prince of Peace, the Living Water who lived among us, taught us, loved us, healed us, forgave us, and gave his life for us because that was the way from the One from Above.

I believe in three days, the Waymaker conquered death and sits at Creator's right side, watching us, and bending his ear to us.

I believe the Waymaker knew us so well that after he walked on from this earth, he gifted us with Spirit to be our eyes to see Creator in everything, ears to hear the whispers, the laughter, and tears of Creator in ways only we understand, in language only we know.

I believe our hearts have been opened to accept and give love.

I believe the Creator, the Waymaker, and the Spirit are all one—One that never ends. One who meets us wherever we go and wherever we come from.

I believe. I believe.

Offering and Prayer

**Offertory Prayer
Congregation**

Rev. Meghan Young-

Generous, loving One, receive these gifts. May they be symbols of your generous love for all creation. **Bless these gifts and those who give them, that all may become blessings to your world and signs of your glory. In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.**

The offering today will be used to purchase canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Outreach food pantry. Cash will be used to purchase items or please make checks payable to Outreach. If you brought items to donate, please leave them at the altar rails.

Offertory Music

Give Thanks

Combined Choirs

❖ **Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Rev. Dr. Allan

Purtill

Psalms 100

Rev. Carl Wanamaker

Luke 17:11-19

Rev. Kevin

Lynch

The word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Grateful to God: Reflections

Tryon Clergy Cohort

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Prayer

Rev. Meghan Young

The witnesses tell of your boundless generosity,

and their telling is compelling to us :

You give your word to call the worlds into being;

You give your sovereign rule to emancipate the slaves and the oppressed;

You give your commanding fidelity to form your own people;

You give your life for the life of the world...

Broken bread that feeds,

Poured out wine that binds and heals.

You give...we receive...and are thankful.

We begin this day in gratitude,

Thanks that is a match for your self-giving,

Gratitude in gifts offered,
Gratitude in tales told,

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Gratitude in lives lived.

Gratitude willed, but not so readily lived,

Held back by old wounds turned to powerful resentment,

Retarded by early fears that become vague anxiety,

Restrained by self-sufficiency in a can-do arrogance,

Blocked by amnesia unable to recall gifts any longer.

Do this yet. Create innocent space for us this day
for the gratitude we intend.

In thankfulness,

We will give,

We will tell,

We will live,

Your gift through us to gift the world.

We pray these things and pray now the prayer you taught your disciples to pray,

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

❖ Hymn

For The Beauty of the Earth

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A Litany of Thanksgiving

Rev. Allan Purtill-Congregation

Let us give thanks to God for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing, the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

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We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength, those that walk alongside, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For all the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering, and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

❖ **Benediction and Blessing**

Rev. Lynnette Sills

Get up and go on your way, forgiven, healed, and free.

**We go to live what we have learned,
abundantly gifted and generously ready to give.**

Go to give and love freely.

We go to serve God's world with generosity and grace for all.

We go in peace. Amen.

❖ **Postlude**

All Glory Laud and Honor

**Ms. Pam McNeil, organ
Ms. Breanna Cochran, piano**

❖ *The congregation is invited to stand but welcome to remain seated.*

Ushers and Greeters

Bob Montgomery, Lynn Montgomery & Jim Holly

Musicians

Ms. Pam McNeil, Music Director--Tryon United Methodist Church
Breanna Cochran, pianist
Combined Church Choirs

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Worship Resources this Service

The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023

Book of Common Prayer

21st Century Worship Resources for Native American Ministries

Worship Resources for Native American Heritage Month

Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann

Participating in Worship

The Reverend Kevin Lynch, Chaplain-Tryon Estates

The Reverend Doctor Allan Purtill, Pastor—Tryon Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Lynnette Sills, Pastor-Tryon United Methodist Church

The Reverend Carl Wanamaker, Pastor—St. Luke CME Church

The Reverend Meghan Young, Pastor—The Congregational Church, UCC in Tryon
and Co-Pastor—WithALL Congregation, Polk County

Partner Churches

Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Tryon

Saluda United Methodist Church, Saluda

St. Luke CME Church, Tryon

The Congregational Church, UCC, Tryon

Tryon Estates: Acts Retirement-Life Communities

Tryon First Baptist Church

Tryon Presbyterian Church, Tryon

Tryon United Methodist Church

WithAll Congregation, Polk County

We are pleased to welcome you to worship at Tryon United Methodist Church for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service. This service is sponsored by the Tryon Clergy Cohort (formerly the Thermal Belt Ministerial Association).

