GRATITUDE
overflowing

Oh give thanks to the Lord for God is good
God's steadfast love endures forever
Psalm 136:1

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
*The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE — *Chorale from Suite Gothique*
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WELCOME — Erin Tolar

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

INTROIT — *The Lord, my God, be praised*
J.S. Bach, arr. Matthew Lundquist

The Lord, my God, be praised,
My Light, my Life, from heaven;
My Maker, Who, to me
Hath soul and body given;
Creator, Who doth shield
And keep me day by day,
Doth make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* — Peggy Carroll
Based on Psalm 136
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
God alone does great wonders.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

God made the earth, sea, and sky.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
God brought Israel out from Egypt.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
God remembers us when we are low.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
God rescues us when we are lost.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN No. 691 ***Lord, When I Came into This Life***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*
Ever-loving God,
We stand on the edge of your promises and hopes, yet, too often,
we do not let ourselves cross over into the life you intend for us.
We care more about our needs and desires,
than for the struggles of our neighbors.
We focus on the bad news of the world
more than the good news we can bring by following you.
We are so afraid to fail that at times we do not even try.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

Forgive us, ever-lasting God.
Transform our disappointment with your persistence.
Renew our lives with your grace.
Restore our hopes with your vision of a stronger future.
Refresh our spirits with your joy.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(responsive)*
Friends in Christ, we are forgiven people, set free from past failures, to make a fresh start this day and every day. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God and to love others.
Thanks be to God for such everlasting grace!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *Hymn 447*
sung through one time

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE ON THE STEPS
Genesis 42:1-2; Genesis 44:1-5, 16-46:7

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Psalm 73

SERMON Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 442 ***Just as I Am, without One Plea***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*
Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources.
If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Lote Thistlethwaite
Cello Solo

*DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Generous God,
You have been both faithful and fruitful with each new generation.
We thank you for the gifts we offer this week,
as well as those we pledge in the year to come.
Bless them and make them – make us –
fruitful beyond our imagining.
May we be faithful in this generation
so that all we have received in Christ
will continue in generations yet to come.
This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle to offer your dedication of time, talents, and treasure, then return to your pews by the side aisles and remain standing for the final hymn.

For those who are mobility challenged, an usher can be directed to your seat. Thank you for your prayerful gifts.

*HYMN No. 543 ***God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me***

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

Go with God.
Alleluia! And Amen!

POSTLUDE *Postlude*
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