



**Opening Prayer**

Jessi McKinnon

**God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as Christ's body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory forever. Amen.**

**We Listen to God's Word**

**Time with Children**

Mary Koon

**Sending Song**

"Near or Far"

*J McKinnon*

**Near or far apart,  
You're always in my heart.  
God's love is here to stay,  
Close and far away.**

**Resting in God's peace,  
Praying for God's hope,  
Serving God's joy,  
United in God's love.**

**Anthem**

"Thanksgiving Prayer"

*Johnny Cash*

**Scripture**

Matthew 25:31–46

Anne Fisher

**Message**

Behind Door #1

Anne Fisher

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Mary Koon

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**We Respond to God's Word**

**Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts**

Anne Fisher

**Offering Music**

"Thankful"

*Josh Groban*

## The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, use us and the gifts that we give to feed the hungry,  
clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## We Go Out into the World in God's Name

### Closing Song No. 643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

<sup>1</sup> Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

<sup>2</sup> O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;

and keep us in God's grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

<sup>3</sup> All praise and thanks to God,  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son  
and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is,  
and shall be evermore.

## Benediction

Anne Fisher

### Sending Song No. 291 "Spirit of Gentleness"

*Refrain:* Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes; from the  
bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our elders see  
visions; our youth clear their eyes. With bold new decisions,  
your people arise. (*Refrain*)

## Postlude



Additional participants in worship today include:

Musicians: **Jessi & Brandon McKinnon**;

Organist: **Nancy Hauser**;

Pianist: **Judy Cooper**;

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Bob Gerdes and Greg Johnson**.

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Doodee Backstrom**,  
in *memory of husband, Don and their parents*, and  
**Iris Karow**, in *gratitude for multiple blessings*.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**No WoW! this week Nov. 25:** Be sure to join us Wednesday, Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving Eve (pre-recorded) service. It will be available starting at 4:30 pm via Facebook and the website. The church office will be **closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Light a Candle:** Send us a picture of you and your household holding lit candles to [sjerset@oakgrv.org](mailto:sjerset@oakgrv.org) by **Dec. 21** for it to be in the Christmas Eve montage.

**Virtual Coffee Hour:** Join host Larry Klueh Sundays at Noon. Please zoom in to enjoy one another's company and catch up in a relaxed (virtual) way! Join the Zoom meeting at: <https://bit.ly/3nTMrCr>. Use Meeting ID: 896 8075 0816 and Passcode: 323213. For audio only, call 1-312-626-6799 and use the Meeting ID and passcode.

**2021 Calendar and Greeting Card Donation: Nov. 23–Dec. 4**

If you have extra calendars and greeting cards from non-profit organizations you support, please consider donating them. The Supportive Housing Committee will deliver them to senior citizens living in low-income affordable housing units owned and operated by AEON, the non-profit developer Oak Grove has generously supported the past several year. Simply drop off your items at church during office hours and place in the clearly marked blue plastic bin. They will be greatly appreciated by AEON's residents.

**Chancel Flower Sign-up for 2021!** We will continue to have colorful arrangements for our Sunday worship services, virtual or in-person. Select a date in memory of or in honor of a loved one, group or event. The cost is \$30 due at sign-up. Contact Sharon Fields at 952-831-0504 (a landline) or [urbanfields2.1@q.com](mailto:urbanfields2.1@q.com) to sign up and reserve your special date.