

**We want to be in a right relationship with you asking you to remove all those things that we allow to get in the way. We are sorry for what we have done. So we humbly come before you with our prayer and thanks for your loving kindness; asking for a clean heart. Amen.**

P: People of God, we have made confession of our sins before the Lord. And we are promised that through the cross forgiveness is ours. So by the authority of God our Father and Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I boldly and confidently announce the forgiveness of all our sins. We have been washed clean and purified of our sins. Rejoice, be thankful and be glad, for we are children of God.

**C: Praise be to God and Amen!**

#409 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon

*"Thanksgiving: The Restoring Discipline"*

Rev. Jeffrey Griffith

Confession of faith – Apostles' Creed — pg. 85 (front portion of hymnal)

Thanksgiving offering

Prayers

Benediction

Closing hymn #557 "Let All Things Now Living"

Postlude

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*We gather as a community of congregations because we have recognized our blessings and want to acknowledge the source of all of them—God our Father through Christ Jesus our Lord. God has been good and gracious to us. We are rich in His grace and mercy. Together, let us praise our awesome God with all our hearts.*

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Call to worship (Taken from Psalm 95)

P: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

P: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

**C: Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

P: For the Lord is a great God and a great Ruler above all gods.

**C: In those hands are the depths of the earth and also the heights of the mountains.**

P: O come, let us worship and bow down,

**C: Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker!**

P: For the Lord is our God,

**C: And we are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Opening hymn #241 "We Praise You, O God"

Confession/Forgiveness (taken from Psalm 51)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out our offenses.

**C: Wash us from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins.**

P: You, O God, know our sin. Nothing is hidden from you. Therefore, you are justified when you speak and you are right when you judge.

**C: Make us pure, O God. Wash our slate clean. Turn from our sin and remember it no more.**

P: Hide your face from our sins. Grant us mercy. Proclaim to us forgiveness, even though we are unworthy.

**C: Create in us a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence and please do not take your Holy Spirit away from us.**

P: Give us the joy of your saving help and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out our offenses.**

P: Let us take some time to confess our sins before God.

<Silence to personal prayer and confession>

P: Almighty God...

**C: ...we have fallen short of your glory. We have done things that you are not well pleased with and we have failed to do things that would have helped our neighbor. We have put more trust in things than in you. We have loved our stuff more than you. We have allowed our sin to come between you and us. But we come before you now in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and ask for your forgiveness. Hear our prayer.**