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Welcome and Announcements:

Susie McCord

Music to Prepare Our Hearts:

Michael Snyder

**"Jesus Shall Reign"**

*John Hatten, arranged by Cindy Berry*

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Call to Worship: \*

Cliff Heckman

Leader: There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

**People: But there is only one Spirit.**

Leader: There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

**People: But it is the same Lord we all serve.**

Leader: There are many activities we can do to serve God: teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...

**People: But all these are activated by God.**

Leader: There are many manifestations of God's Spirit in the world.

**People: It is impossible to list them all.**

Leader: To say that one is better than another is foolish.

**People: God gives to each as God chooses. Thanks be to God!**

Opening Hymn: \*

**"Now Thank We All Our Lord"**

**UMH# 102**

Opening Prayer \*

Cliff Heckman

**God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you.**

**Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others. In all that we do, and in all that we are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth.**

**We pray this in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

A Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Philip

Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

**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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1: Psalm 107:1-22

Cliff Heckman

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this – those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering in iron chains, for they had rebelled against the words of God and despised the counsel of the Most High. So he subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of the darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron. Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.**

**Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn of Reflection: \*      "In Christ There is No East or West"      UMH #548**

Message:      "Be Thankful"      Anita Thompson

We Share Our Gifts      Pastor Philip

Music During Offering:

Michael Snyder

**“Give Thanks”**

*Henry Smith, arranged by Joel Raney*

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Doxology: \*

UMH #95

**“Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow”**

Closing Hymn: \*

**“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”**

UMH #671

Benediction:

Music for Going Forth:

Michael Snyder

**“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

*John Hughes ~PD~*

**\*Please stand as you are able**