

**How sweet on a clear Sunday morning,
To list to the clear ringing bell;
Its tones so sweetly are calling,
Oh, come to the church in the vale.
(Refrain]**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

If God only had given us this precious moment of life

It would have been enough

If God had only given us the warmth and cold of this
good earth

It would have been enough

If God had only given us the love we share among
family and friends

It would have been enough

If God had only given us this church with its praise
and service

It would have been enough

But God, most wonderful, has given us all this and so
much more in and through Jesus Christ!

**And so our thanks overflows as we enter
this time of worship.**

***HYMN** VU #710

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Verses 1, 3

OPENING PRAYER *(responsive)*

You, O God, are with us and for us;

Your love never changes.

Your Spirit calms us.

Your Spirit comforts us.

In the difficult moments,

Your Spirit gives us peace.

In the days and weeks ahead,

Your Spirit will not let us go.

Today, Eternal God, we ask that your Spirit
fall fresh upon us through Word and song.

And bring us hope.

Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC *“In This Season”*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121

Romans 8:18, 35, 38, 39

REFLECTION *“Finding Hope ”*

***HYMN** VU #337 *“Blessed Assurance”*

Introduction of Wreath

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE *(responsive)*

Today we remember all those who have brought light
and love to our lives.

In the stillness of this place, we offer thanks.

Today we recall people who walked the road beside us
when the way was dark.

In the stillness of this place, we offer thanks.

Today we hold on to the memories that give us
laughter and warmth.

In the stillness of this place, we offer thanks.

Today as we observe our never-ending circle of the
remembrance wreath, we remember that the love of
God surrounds us in all the times of our lives.

In the stillness of this place, we offer thanks.

And we remember that our hope through Jesus came
when we least expected and continues to come even
during our darkest hours.

**In the stillness of this place, we offer thanks
and remember.**

*Inviting those who wish to come forward to place
their ribbon on the wreath in remembrance of a loved
one (s) during a time of reflection*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

(Collection Plates at each entrance)

***Please Stand for the Offering Hymn**

“GIVE THANKS”

*Give thanks, with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ his son
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Teach us, God, to offer the very best of who we are in the service of your will through the mission of this church: may we offer hope, joy, and reconciliation in the world so much in need. Receive what we give for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen*

PASTORAL PRAYERS (responsive)

The Lord's Prayer Amen

***CLOSING HYMN VU #422 verse 1 & 3**
"God Be With You Til We Meet Again"

***COMMISSIONING**

***BENEDICTION**

***Sung Irish Blessing by Choir**

Please remain standing until Bible is closed

POSTLUDE * * * * *

We invite you to join us following the service for
Session's Sandwiches, Squares & Fruit
Don't worry if you didn't bring anything this morning, there will be plenty for all

Following lunch, anyone who is interested in decorating our Church for the holiday season, are invited to join us upstairs.



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

Sunday, November 24th, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

(* Please stand in body or spirit as able)

GREETING: God is good. All the time.
All the time. God is good.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

INTROIT "Church in the Wildwood"
There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

Refrain:

Come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.