**Benediction:** **"The World Peace Prayer"**

**Pastor:** Lead us, O God:

**Congregation:** **Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.**
**Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.**
**Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.**
**Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.**

**Ringing of the Bell**

# An Evening of Holy Remembering and Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 25, 2026
7:00 p.m.



**UCC Churches Give Thanks Together**

**St. Paul's UCC, Friedens UCC,**
**St. John's UCC, 1st Congregational Church**
**Pastor Brian Brosz, Pastor Al Fiene,**
**Pastor Scott Siefert, Pastor Adam Thompson**
**Organist: Diane Anderson**

**November 25, 2026** **7:00 p.m.** **Thanksgiving Service**

**Prelude** Diane Anderson
**Ringing of the Bell**

**Opening Hymn:** ***#790 "We Gather Together"***

**Call To Worship** **Pastor Adam Thompson**

**Pastor:** You call us together, O God, at this distinct time in history. On this day, we give thanks, remember, and reconsider our call as your people.

***Congregation**: We give thanks for all that has sustained us through this year – a year of want and abundance, fear and comfort, grief and hope. We remember the forming of this nation – our mixed history of oppression and freedom, violence and peace, division and unity in our diversity. We reconsider our call as your people in the midst of this nation – a call to justice, compassion, and your shalom, peace.*

**Pastor:** Come to worship. Thankful people come!

***Congregation*: *We gather with gratitude and courage for the facing of these days. Amen.***

**Hymn:** ***#797 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"***

**Confession and Assurance:**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace, whose salvation is never far from contrite heart, hear our confession of sin and have mercy upon us.

***Congregation: For our refusals of your call; for all our forgotten vows; for the excuses we have fashioned to hide from ourselves our unfaithful lives; for our readiness to blame others; for our selfish luxuries amid the oppression and sorrows of life; for the pleadings of your spirit to which we have not harkened, have mercy upon us.***
*(Silent Confessions)*

**Pastor:** Hear the good news and give thanks! "Christ is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:5b-7).

**Passing The Peace** *(The congregation may greet each other with a sign of reconciliation and peace such as a hand-shake, or embrace and say these or similar words: "May the peace of Christ be yours.)*

**Scripture Lessons:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Pastor Adam Thompson
2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Pastor Al Fiene
A Reading From Chief Seattle: " Thanksgiving Blessings"

**Hymn:** ***#788 "Now Thank We All Our God"***

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 17:1-11 Pastor Scott Siefert

**Message:** **"Gratitude That Endures"** Pastor Scott Siefert

**Song:** ***"Love Never Ends"*** Pastor Brian Brosz

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** Pastor Al Fiene

**Pastor:** For the beauty and wonder of creation,
***Congregation:*** ***We thank you God.***
**Pastor:** For our daily food, for our homes, families, and friends,
***Congregation:*** ***We thank you God.***
**Pastor:** For minds to think and hearts to love,
***Congregation:*** ***We thank you God.***
**Pastor:** For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,
***Congregation:*** ***We thank you God.***
**Pastor:** For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
***Congregation:*** ***We thank you God.***
**Pastor:** For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,
***Congregation:*** ***We thank you God.***
**Pastor:** For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, boys and girls, revealing your image, O God.
***Congregation:*** ***We thank you God.***
**Pastor:** Today we give thanks especially for…
***Congregation:*** ***(may name particular faithful people who have died, etc.)***
**Pastor:** And for all the saints whose lives have reflected your light, O God,
***Congregation:*** ***We thank you God. Amen.***

**Offering and Offertory:** *McLeod County Food Shelf* **Doxology #815**

**Offertory Prayer and Lord's Prayer** Pastor Al Fiene

**Hymn:** ***#359 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"***