



Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Gracious God, for the goodness and beauty of creation we thank you. For the way your creation nurtures and inspires us, we are grateful. Yet, the more we pay attention to the world, the more we see its brokenness as well as its beauty. We wonder if we can know the world as it is and still love it. In this, as in all things, we need your help.**

**Even today, Lord, may we see and delight in the beauty of this world. May this draw us near to you with gratitude and wonder. By your Spirit, may we also see the brokenness of the world, not drawing back from that which is painful. Grant us your vision, your compassion. Help us, we pray, to live in the tension of the beautiful and the broken. Help us to know this world truly and to love it, even as you do. Amen.**

*Adapted from Mark D. Roberts A Life for Leaders*

Words of Assurance: God is an expansive being filled with love and light. God calls us back to the vision and perspective of this divine wideness.

Anthem:                Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
                              John Hughes, 1873-1932  
                              The Eendracht Bell Choir

Arr. Bill Ingram

## **The Word of God**

The Junior Sermon

The Prayer for Illumination: **Open our eyes to the truths this word holds for us today. Bless our hearing and understanding. Amen.**

Old Testament:        Psalm 147:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson:        Luke 19:1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Transforming our Economies of Thanks

## The Response of God's People

\*Hymn: My God I Thank You

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*The Benediction

The Benediction Response

The Postlude:           This Is My Song  
                                  Finlandia  
                                  Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957  
                                  The Eendracht Bell Choir

Arr. Jason W. Krug

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Announcements

Our Mission of the Month Collection will benefit Saratoga War Horse. This is a Veteran-run nonprofit organization serving Military Veterans and Service Members living with Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) throughout the United States. To learn more please visit [www.saratogawarhorse.org](http://www.saratogawarhorse.org)  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Just wanted to make you aware that Ellen will be in the office on Wednesday, November 24th, if you need assistance the week of Thanksgiving. The office is closed November 25th & 26th.

Boy Scout Troop 34 will be selling wreaths again this year. They are \$25 each. We will only be taking preorders for wreaths to be picked up at NRC on **Sunday, November 28th** between 10 AM and 11 AM or as arranged when placing an order. For the health and safety of all, we will be asking for payment by having exact cash of \$25 or a check made out to "BSA Troop 34" for \$25 that can be dropped into a container. Prepayment can also be arranged. Wreaths can be placed in your car trunk by a scout, without you getting out of your car. To place an order or if you have any questions, please contact Trudy Hudson, at 518-370-4894 or send an email to [tcahudson212@gmail.com](mailto:tcahudson212@gmail.com). Wreaths will be available between November 24th and December 4th, and later into December while supplies last. Thank you for supporting Boy Scout Troop 34.

Parents with infants and small children are reminded of the room behind the balcony with an audio system to hear the worship service if needed.

## Scripture

### Psalm 147:1-11

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.<sup>[a]</sup>  
How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- <sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.
- <sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his understanding has no limit.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD sustains the humble  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- <sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with grateful praise;  
make music to our God on the harp.

- <sup>8</sup> He covers the sky with clouds;  
he supplies the earth with rain  
and makes grass grow on the hills.
- <sup>9</sup> He provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they call.
- <sup>10</sup> His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;
- <sup>11</sup> the LORD delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

### **Luke 19:1-10**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”