

# EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH

October 7, 2018  
CREATION TIME 5

## World-wide Communion and Thanksgiving

10:00 a.m.

**WE GATHER**

Organ Prelude

Sam Vacca

### TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

**\*indicates where we stand in the service**

(Feel free to remain seated if that helps you to worship better)

Welcome

Lighting the Candle



Choral Introit

As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought

Call to Worship

Janice Barretto

We gather for worship this morning,  
aware of sisters and brothers, siblings all around the world  
who join us this morning at the communion table,

**We are all formed in Creator's image.**

**We are all one family as we gather.**

Some who gather will sing and pray, like us, in English.

**Many other tongues will also be heard.**

May God's Spirit empower us to live in harmony with all people of  
Earth, and to love the world in Jesus' name.

**Let us worship and praise God with joy!**

\*Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

VU#227

Prayer of Approach and Confession/Words of Assurance

Sharing Celebrations/Other News

\*Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday Song

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Janice Barretto**

**Hebrew Scripture**      **Joel 2:21–24, 26a**

**Responsive Reading**    **Psalm 126 (VU p. 850) – Sung Refrain 2**

**Anthem**                  The Lord God Made Them All—J. M. Martin

**Gospel**                      **Luke 17: 11-19**                                  **Rev. Barb**

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God with in us,  
**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**                      **Thanks-Living**                                  **Rev. Barb**

**WE RESPOND**

**\*Hymn**                      We are One    **VU#402**

**Life and Mission of the Church**

**Offering Invitation**

**The Offering**

**\* Presentation of the Offering**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures high and low  
Give thanks to God in love made known  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One**

**\* Offertory Prayer**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Passing the Peace**—The Peace of Christ be with you / **And with you.**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

God is with us.

**God is with all creation.**

Lift up your hearts with songs of thanksgiving to God, who sets  
a Table for all.

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**We lift our hearts to God, with the people gathered in this place and all around the world, praising the One who welcomes all.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, God of the universe: we are reminded of the vastness of all that is....

....So it is that we join with the whole church at the Table of Bounty to proclaim together:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of glory and grace.**

**Heaven and earth sing songs of praise to you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes to offer us grace and mercy.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Tender God of far off galaxies and the smallest of earth's creatures, in Jesus of Nazareth you showed us the depth and breadth of your love. ....We believe that in Christ we receive life abundant, so that this life may flow through us into the world as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Communion Prayer continues**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**VU #960**

**Communion will be served in the pews. *Please wait after receiving your bread and cup, so all can commune together. Gluten-free option is available.***

**Post-Communion Prayer: This bread we have eaten comes from the earth. The grape juice we have tasted comes from the soil. Thank you, God. Help us to live our thanks in caring for Earth. Help us to see the birds of the air, the fish of the water, the plants and animals that live with us as part of our communion in your love. In Jesus name, we ask it. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

**Now Thank We All Our God**

**VU#236**

**Benediction**

**Three-Fold Amen (Sung)**

**Organ Postlude**

**Sam Vacca**

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### Leaders in today's service:

Welcoming Team	Pumpkin Orange
Team Leaders	Gayle & Kent Burnison
Reader	Janice Barretto
Screen & Sound	Bill Lorimer

### Upcoming Ministry Meetings:

Mon. 8:30 am Men's Coffee Hour                      Campbell Room

Wed. 9:30 am Ladies' Workshop (Crafters)

### Announcements:

Today is the Thanksgiving Food Drive with donations gratefully accepted. Envelopes are in the pews for monetary donations (please make payable to E.P.U.C. with 'Food Bank' in the memo section).

The memorial flowers in the Sanctuary this morning have been placed in loving memory of Roy Harris by Joan and family.



Order forms are in the Gathering Place. Please hand orders to Gayle Burnison by the Sunday afternoon of the order date (cheques payable to East Plains Support Group).

Future order dates are Oct. 14; Nov. 11 & 25; Dec. 9.

### Upcoming events:

**REMINDER**—Climate Change Study Group led by Harold Wells—Sat, Oct. 13 at 7:30 pm. Book: "*Drawdown*"—The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming, edited by Paul Hawken.

"*Closing the Loop*" Movie in the Sanctuary—Sat, Oct. 20 at 7:00 pm

Our 45<sup>th</sup> Arts & Crafts Show is Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018—Please see enclosure!