



## November 12, 2023 – Give Thanks

### Give Thanks for Those Present

As we know, God created us to be in community together. We have never been meant to try and do life or our faith life “alone”. Sometimes the people in our community are there to love us. Sometimes to help us and keep us encouraged. Sometimes our community is there to draw us back or help us turn back towards God’s heart. Who are the people in your life today that help you along faith’s way? Join us this weekend as we hear stories of thanks for those who are faithfully present in our lives today!

### Scripture:

#### Psalm 103:1-5 NRSV

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. <sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live<sup>[a]</sup> so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

#### Romans 12:3-13 NRSV

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

### Questions:

- Who are some of the people in your life today that walk with you spiritually? Think about them...what do they do? Support you? Study with you? Pray with you? Do they challenge you?
- What makes these people good for you and your journey together? Remember “good” isn’t always easy!
- Who do YOU support today in their journey of faith? How do you support them? Walk with them? Challenge them so they can grow?

### Reading for the Week:

**Monday:** Hebrews 10:24-25

**Tuesday:** Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

**Wednesday:** Genesis 2:18

**Thursday:** Acts 2: 42-47

**Friday:** Matthew 18:20