First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

November 22, 2015

8:30 AM

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!

---Henry Smith Luke 1:49-53

Gathering

*PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Are You Washed?

The Lord's Crew

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*PRAISE SONGS

Open the Eyes of My Heart

---Michael W. Smith

Bless the Lord

---Matt Redman

Your Love O Lord

---Third Day

*GREETING EACH OTHER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Blessing of the Blankets & Jackets Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving/The Lord's Prayer

Sharing & Responding to God's Word

SONG of ILLUMINATION

Ancient Words

--- Michael W. Smith

SCRIPTURE

John 6:26-35

(New Revised Standard Version)

MESSAGE

"FOR WHAT?"

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

SONG OF THANKS

Give Thanks

by Henry Smith

Luke 1:49-53

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

(please bring your offering forward as you come to Communion)

Prayers/the Lord's Prayer

Sharing Liturgy

Communion Song

Come to Jesus

---Chris Rice

Going Forth to Serve

*FINAL BLESSING

The Lord Bless Thee

Numbers 6:24-26

*CLOSING SONG

Rounded Up in Glory

---Tex Ritter

*Worshipers stand as able.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments

in Criswell Hall following the service.

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

Welcome to Worship!

November 22, 2015

10:30 AM

"In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me, And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,

For Jesus, Lord Jesus... is in this very room."

---Pam Waters Carson, lyrics

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

There's Something About That Name

---William Gaither

INTROIT

In This Very Room

by Ron and Carol Harris

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord and worship God with gladness.

We come into God's sanctuary with thanks and praise.

The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

We are grateful for the faith we have received and we claim the comfort, joy and strength that is ours in Christ.

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

No. 694

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer

Psalter 847, response 1

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Choral Response

Psalter 847, response 1

ANTHEM

Gratitude Changes Everything

---Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE

John 6:26-35 (NRSV)

*HYMN

We Gather Together

No. 131

SERMON

"FOR WHAT?"

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission/Blessing the Blankets & Jackets

Offertory

"Now I Belong to Jesus"

---Norman J. Clayton

*Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*CLOSING HYMN

Give Thanks

See Insert

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Thank You, Jesus

Faith We Sing, No. 2081

Thank you Jesus, amen! Thank you Jesus, amen! Thank you Jesus, amen! Alleluia, Amen!

POSTLUDE

"Be Strong in the Lord"

---Tom Fettre