

# "Life is a Gift"

Psalm 90:1-12

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# THORNDALE United Methodist Church

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All Are Welcome!

"Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.

For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; or you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

+ Please stand as you are able.

### WELCOME/INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRELUDE I Want to Jesus to Walk with Me Anthony Giamanco

GREETING

#### **+CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God, we know you are with us.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
Leader: You have showered your love upon all generations,

since the beginning of time.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: Guide us now through this time of worship,

and into the week ahead.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

### **+OPENING PRAYER**

Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from slavery into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Bill LaBriola, Hymnal #723

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

TIME OF PRAISE & PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these token to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 90:1-12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;

even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger?

Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Life is a Gift" Pastor Shauna

HYMN Wonderful Words of Life Bill LaBriola, Hymnal #600

#### +BENEDICTION

As you have been blessed, now go to be a blessing to others. Go, bringing the news of peace and hope, of healing and love. Go, for the peace of Christ goes with each of you.

POSTLUDE To Delight in the Lord Gerald Peterson

## **SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

PASTOR Rev. Shauna K. Ridge **WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:** Lawrence Rappoldt MUSIC DOOR GREETER John Lafferty Bill LaBriola USHER 1 Wayne Barrows Pete Scotti Renay Oberholtzer **USHER 2** CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pat Moore TEMP TAKER Kim Nicolazzo LITURGIST Pat Moore ATTENDANCE Hannah Smith TECH TEAM Josh Dwyer FLOATER Hannah Smith Terry Moore