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Pastoral Prayer

God of glory, as we come together from near and far, unite us as your people. Proclaim your love to us through word and sacrament. Help us to see in one another our brothers and sisters in Christ. Inspire us to respond to your goodness through lives of service. Send us out knowing that you continue to abide with us, and that we remain connected to one another in your love. Amen.

Call to Offering

Fall colors flash and burn  
with yellows and reds,  
oranges like flags,  
their dead or dying leaves  
spark pleasure in our eyes,  
pour their colors out  
like cash  
unmeasured into  
yards and eaves and flower beds,  
drop their gold  
into the thirsty sky,  
fling wide their treasures.  
Why don't I?  
What would it be  
to live with this wild,  
brilliant generosity,  
this free release,  
this warmth, this  
depth of color, joy,  
and loss?

In gratitude for all God gives, let us now give our best. Our morning offering will now be received.

Commissioning and Benediction

Let us go out remembering that God is good...All the time, All the time... God is good and let us spread that gospel message.

The God of grace blesses us with the reward of believing. Go now in peace. Amen.