

**North Central Thanksgiving InGathering Worship
Asbury United Methodist Church Webster City, Iowa
Saturday, November 3, 2018**

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InGathering 2018

Sharing Our Bounty With Others

Prelude

Greetings

Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” (all) #64

Responsive call to worship for Thanksgiving

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,

Thank you!

The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,

Thank you!

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,

Thank you!

Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,

Thank you!

Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,

Thank you!

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,

Thank you!

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.

Hymn “Trust and Obey” (1, 2, 4) #467

Unison Prayer

God of all comfort, today we come to You once again. We trust You when we hurt. We look to You even when we don't understand. And this day, we bring our prayers to You.

We come to you today as Emmanuel, asking You to be near to those who are hurting. Touch them in ways they can feel, know, and understand. We come to you as Healer, asking You to touch each life with tenderness and power. We come to You as Redeemer, asking You to pour grace upon grief and truth across terror. We come to You as Father and Friend, asking You to carry and sustain those who can bear no more.

Oh God, we read that Your mercies are over all Your works. Cover those in need with Your mercy . Lighten the load of those who face terrible tasks. Ease

the pain of those who face the unspeakable. Make Yourself known to those who don't know You. And grant each one Your peace that passes understanding. Deliver them from evil. Protect them, strengthen them, and keep them in Your name—in the mighty name of Jesus in which we pray, AMEN.

Scripture:

Micah 6:8 says that the Lord requires us

**"TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY
AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD."**

**When we share from our abundance, we are
acting justly and reflecting our desire to serve God.**

Sharing the Mission: Conference Ministry Team Member
Self Help International (William Edwards)

InGathering Offering

The Apostles Creed #881

The Great Thanksgiving

Hymn “Here I Am, Lord” (all) #593

Benediction

May your hand be outstretched to all you meet.

And may we see everyone as a brother or sister when we speak.

May the land be fertile beneath your feet.

And we live lives worthy of the calling, so we can smile before the judgment seat.