

# The Sharing Song

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## Traer Ecumenical Celebration of Worship

November 27th, 2024  
"Thanksgiving"



### CHORUS:

It's mine, but you can have some  
With you I'd like to share it  
'Cause if I share it with you  
You'll have some too

### Verse 1:

Well if I have a cake to eat  
If I have a tasty treat  
If you come to me and ask  
I'll give some to you

### CHORUS

### Verse 2:

And if I have a book to read  
If I have a block you need  
If you come to me and ask  
I'll share it with you

### CHORUS

### Welcome

### Prelude and Processional

### Praise and Invocation (adapted from Psalm 118):

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Many: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

One: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them, and give thanks to the LORD.

**Many: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

One: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Many: Let us worship in the presence of a steadfast and loving God.**

**All: Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "This is the Day" (black hymnal #84)

### \*Confession:

One: God gave the Law to Moses: "love your neighbor as yourself."

**Many: Too often, we fail to love as we are called.**

One: Our faith teaches us unity, community and support for each other.

**Many: There is so much more that we can do.**

One: Forgive us, Lord, our complacency in the face of human need.

**Many: Teach us to serve in Christian love.**

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Assurance of Pardon:**

One: Hear the Gospel! Our God is a gracious and loving God.

**Many: By His grace, we are forgiven**

One: By His love, we are set free

**All: Amen**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**Hymn:** "We Gather Together" (red hymnal #790)

**Passing the Peace/ Children's Procession**

Our scripture teaches that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who enter it like a child. As our children come forward, it is Ripley's custom to greet each other from our places, then sing the children to the front with the traditional song "This Little Light of Mine." If you are worshiping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

**Children's Celebration/Hymn** - "Sharing Song" (back of program)

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Message:** "Generosity Without Calculation"

**Offertory**

**\*Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (*Black Hymnal* #780)

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

**Special Music** - "Benediction" by Timothy James Meaney, sung by Carston Calderwood

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand, in body or spirit



On behalf of all three churches gathered here, thank you for your presence. We're glad you came.

Accompanist today was Carston Calderwood

Song Leader was Jim Coppoc

Reader was Brice Hoyt

Message was by Mark Keefer

Our candles tonight were lit by Jay and Toni Whannel, leaders of Christian Hands Across Traer (CHAT). If you are in need of assistance or information, or if you would like to volunteer or donate, call 319-231-2771.

