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Sunday, October 11, 2020 10:30 AM
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU #574 (*Words: Robert Walmsley ca. 1900; Music: Adam Watson*)

Welcome & Announcements

Candle Lighting

THE APPROACH

Opening Prayer (In Unison):

Creator God, we come to celebrate the beauty and the bounty of your good earth: glorious blue skies and blazing fall colours; fields ripe for harvest; gardens overflowing with goodness. Grant us thankful hearts, we pray. May our prayers and our lives overflow with gratitude. We offer this worship to your glory, now and always. Amen.

Hymn: Come, You Thankful People, Come VU #516
(*Words: Henry Alford 1844, alt; Music: George Job Elvey, 1858*)

*Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!*

All the world is God's own field,

*harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For our God, one day, shall come,
and shall take this harvest home,
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.*

*Even so, God, quickly come
to your final harvest-home!
Gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there forever purified,
in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.*

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-18 and Luke 17:11-19

Reflection: ***Blessings Along the Way***

Anthem: Thank You, Lord, For Your Blessings
(Words and Music by The Easter Brothers)

*As the world looks upon me
As I struggle along
They say I have nothing
But they are so wrong
In my heart, I'm rejoicing
How I wish they could see
Thank you, Lord
For your blessings on me*

*I know I'm not wealthy
And these clothes, they're not new
And I don't have much money
But Lord, I have You
And to me, that's all that matters
Though the world may not see
Thank you, Lord
For your blessings on me*

*There's a roof up above me
I've a good place to sleep
There's food on my table
And shoes on my feet
You gave me Your love Lord
And Your fine family
Thank you, Lord
For your blessings on me*

*Thank you, Lord
For your blessings on me*

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (In Unison):

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Presentation of Offerings:

With joy we present offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.

Offertory Hymn: I'm Gonna Live So VU #575
(Words and Music: African American Spiritual, arr. Wendell Whalum)

*I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime. (X2)*

Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING FORTH

Hymn: Let All Things Now Living VU #242 (*Words: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt. Music: Welsh Folk Melody, desc. Katherine K. Davis 1938. Words and descant copyright 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Co.*)

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.*

*By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
and sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

Benediction

Postlude: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU #232 (*Music: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824, adapt. By Edward Hodges 1864; desc. Hal Hopson 1979. Descant Copyright 1979 GIA Publications.*)



IN MEMORIAM

Today's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and

*In loving memory of mother and grandmother
Blanche Roper
from Doreen Cave & family*

and

*In loving memory of a dear husband and daughter
Fred and Cathy Button
from Betty and family*

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