

HARVEST SUNDAY

November 22, 2020 – 10:00 AM

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

PRAISE

Call to Worship

One: Welcome all! Welcome to this day of Thanksgiving.

All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

One: You give us the gift of creation and of each other.

All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

One: You give us the sun and the rain that help make the plants grow!

All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

One: You give us the fruits of the earth which help to make us grow!

All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

One: We join our voices together now to praise you, Creator God.

Confession

We confess, O God, that sometimes we have forgotten to give you thanks, sometimes we have taken more than we need, sometimes we have forgotten the needs of others. Forgive us, gracious God, and give us strength to follow the path you have shown us.

Assurance

One: God welcomes our gratitude and our confession. God forgives us and loves us
unconditionally.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: *Come, O Thankful People, Come* #422, vs 1 & 3

1 Come, O thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in
as the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

3 These to you, our God, we owe,
source from whom all blessing flow;
and for these our songs we raise,
grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 65 (CEV)

¹ Our God, you deserve praise
in Zion,

 where we keep
 our promises to you.

² Everyone will come to you
 because you answer prayer.

³ Our terrible sins get us down,
 but you forgive us.

⁴ You bless your chosen ones,
 and you invite them
 to live near you
 in your temple.

We will enjoy your house,
 the sacred temple.

⁵ Our God, you save us,
and your fearsome deeds
 answer our prayers for justice!

You give hope to people
everywhere on earth,
 even those across the sea.

⁶ You are strong,
 and your mighty power
 put the mountains in place.

⁷ You silence the roaring waves
and the noisy shouts
of the nations.

⁸ People far away marvel
at your fearsome deeds,
and all who live under the sun
celebrate and sing
because of you.

⁹ You take care of the earth
and send rain
to help the soil
grow all kinds of crops.

Your rivers never run dry,
and you prepare the earth
to produce much grain.

¹⁰ You water all of its fields
and level the lumpy ground.
You send showers of rain
to soften the soil
and help the plants sprout.

¹¹ Wherever your footsteps
touch the earth,
a rich harvest is gathered.

¹² Desert pastures blossom,
and mountains celebrate.

¹³ Meadows are filled
with sheep and goats;
valleys overflow with grain
and echo with joyful songs

Message *“Random Thoughts on Thanksgiving”* Pastor Don Francois

Silent Prayer

Blessing of Thanksgiving Food Gifts

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Give thanks to our good and gracious God.

PEOPLE: God’s love is everlasting.

Pastor: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

PEOPLE: Let us come with thanksgiving.

Pastor: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen
and unseen splendor.

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O God.

Pastor: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together, for common hopes
and hardships shared from birth, until our dying.

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O God.

Pastor: For work to do and strength to work; for comradeship of labor; for exchange of good humor and encouragement.

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O God.

Pastor: For family, for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures.

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O God.

Pastor: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their playful attitude and startling frankness.

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O God.

Pastor: For growing up and for growing old; for wisdom deepened through experience and for time made precious by its passing.

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O God.

Pastor: For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by sacrament, word, friendship and caring;

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O God.

Pastor: Especially, God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died for us and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in Him and for the joy of serving Him.

ALL: We thank and praise you, God our Creator, for all Your goodness to us.

The Lord's Prayer

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

WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: *For the Fruit of All Creation* #425, vs. 1 & 2

1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For God's gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

Benediction

Postlude