

Community Thanksgiving Service
November 26, 2019
at First United Methodist Church

PRELUDE

PROCLAMATION OF THE DAY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

P: Make God's deeds known among the peoples!

L: God blesses us with the gift of love:

P: With food and clothing, home and family.

L: God blesses us with daily work:

P: And all we need from day to day.

L: God protects us in time of danger:

P: And guards us from every evil.

L: God calls us into relationship with him:

P: And forms us into one Holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

L: Therefore, we shall offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

P: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

* HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH No. 694

* INVOCATION

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A READING FROM HISTORY: *The Mayflower Compact*

RESPONSE

L: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

P: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

L: For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

P: From this day all generations will call me blessed.

L: The almighty has done great things for me.

P: And holy is his name.

(Luke 1:46-49)

A READING FROM HISTORY: *Letter to Sir Edwin Sandys, A Founder of the Virginia Colony, from the Pilgrims planning their trip to Plymouth, 15 December 1617*

ANTHEM "A Thanksgiving Prayer" Chancel Choir
Nancy Price & Don Besig

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

* HYMN "What Gift Can We Bring" UMH No. 87

SCRIPTURE

SERMON - Rev. Ben Austin

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH No. 102

* A BLESSING FOR THANKSGIVING

L: May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you.

P: Amen.

L: May the Lord of harvest grace your Thanksgiving Table with his presence and fill your loved ones with peace.

P: Amen.

L: May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.

P: Amen.

L: And may Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

P: Amen.

* POSTLUDE

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Participants in the service include:

Tammy Richko, Organist

Rev. Ben Austin, Pastor of Trinity and Grace Lutheran Churches

Rev. Fr. Bill Barron, Pastor of St. Mary's and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Churches

Rev. Sam Bundy, Pastor of Christian Missionary Alliance Church

Rev. Tom Carr, Pastor of First United Methodist Church

Rev. Drew Gordon, Pastor of Grace and Pleasant Valley United Methodist Churches





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