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10:45 AM

God's Economy: Want or Need?

Thanksgiving Sunday

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you and all present to sign the pew pads located at the end of each pew. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary or at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the sanctuary. Please note, all doors to the building will be open until 11:00 AM. After that time, please use the handicap door in the narthex.

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play, and you can still participate in the worship experience. Nursery care (infant through 2nd grade) is also provided, should you desire it. ***Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

St. George's Windsor (Come Ye Thankful People Come)

Music by Martha Sobaje

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***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

L: Our lives are in the care of God.

P: God has given us abundance and hope.

L: This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

P: We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.

L: Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

P: Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love.

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

All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply ripened 'neath the summer sky,
All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'er flowing stores,

These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings 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.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things. We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people. We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room for them and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a constant struggle. We are sorry for the ways we have failed you. Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to be in ministry with those in need and to care for this world. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

"Grace Alone"

FWS# 2162

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ALL SING: Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by God's grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by God's grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown God will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

***LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE AND PRAYER FOR PEACE**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The Christ in me greets the Christ in you.

All: The Christ in me greets the Christ in you also.

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12: 13-21

One: God is still speaking!

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"Now Thank We All Our God"

JS Bach

Music by Joseph Martin

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JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins/sin against)

All: Our Father, (Creator, Mother, Friend), 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 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TIME OF GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Pastorale on "We Gather Together"*

Music by Franklin D. Ashdown
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*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (see page 8) *For One Great Peace* FWS #2185

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ALL SING: This check I write, this march I join, this faith I state, this truth I sign, this one small part, in one small place of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN *"To You, O God, All Creatures Sing"* NCH #17vs.1,4,5 & 6

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**To you, O God, all creatures sing,
and all creation, everything
sings your praises, alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam,
your silver moon with softer gleam
sing your praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**To you, O God, day after day,
your planet earth in every way,
sings your praises, alleluia,
As savory fruit and fragrant flower
show forth your glory and your power,
singing praises, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

Now we who are the tender heart,
forgiving others, take our part,
sing your praises, alleluia!
To you we lift our pain and care,
receive the burdens that we bear,
singing praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

In you, a kind and gentle death
prepares to hush our final breath,
singing praises, alleluia!
Christ goes before us to renew
the way that leads us home to you
Hear our praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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OUR MISSION

Because of our love of God, who first loved us, we empower disciples to let their lights shine through love of neighbor, love of children, and love of creation.

OUR VISION

As Jesus modeled first for us, we are working to create a just world where all are welcomed, all are loved, and all are included.

OUR PURPOSE

Celebrating the Christ in all of us by joyfully serving our community.

