

# Welcome to Worship November 25, 2020 7:00 PM







Rev. Alex Molozaiy, Pastor

# WELCOME—WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

### We've prepared a place for you.

We want everyone to be able to experience God's grace through our service of worship.



Assistive listening devices are available for those with auditory difficulties.

# **Large Print Bulletins**

are available for those with challenged eyesight.

If you need these or any other accommodations, just ask an usher and we'll be happy to help.

# THIS EVENING'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please stand (if you are comfortably able) for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (\*).

## WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

"Air from Messiah: He Shall Feed His Flock" Jen Popowitch, *flute* Handel/*arr Gilliam & McCaskill* © 1984 by Mel Bay Publications, Inc. Used with permission.

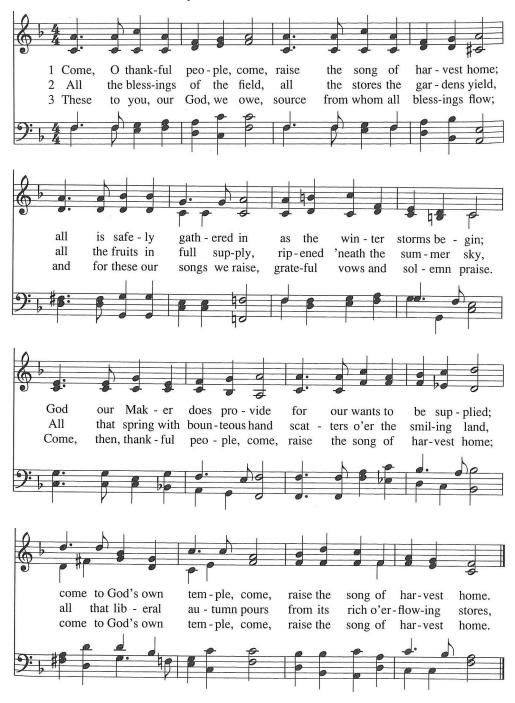
#### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER:	We dwell in a land God has loaned to us. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.
ALL:	We come with gladness to worship God. We enter God's presence with joyous song.
LEADER:	The first fruits of our labor belong to God. Rejoice in the privilege of sharing God's bounty.
ALL:	God has made us, and we belong to God. We are the sheep of God's pasture.
LEADER:	The God of peace greets us in this time of worship. Enter with thanksgiving and heartfelt praise.
ALL:	We thank God for steadfast love to sustain us. We praise God for faithfulness to all generations.

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

"Come, O Thankful People, Come"



### WE PREPARE TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

Generous God, you are present in all times and places; capture our attention in this time and place.
Open our eyes to see the wonders you provide.
Open our ears to hear your commandments, your ordinances, your statues.
Open our hearts to care deeply about people in need, whatever that need might be.
Awaken our generosity and sense of justice, that we may be inspired to faithful action.
Open our mouths to shout and sing together for joy, sharing the good news of salvation. Amen.

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### SERMON

Rev. Jenna Pulkowski



### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE



#### THANKSGIVING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please use "sins" and "those who sin against us."

#### PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### OFFERTORY

"St. Anthony's Chorale"

Paul Cramer, organ

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

For food and water,
for family and friends who enrich our lives,
for faith that sustains and heals us,
our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to you, O God.
We have been sheltered, enlightened, and empowered
by your generosity.
In Jesus Christ, we have been shown the way
to the wholeness you intend for us.
Receive these offerings as a joyous expression of our gratitude.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### WE ARE SENT OUT TO LIVE THE WORD OF GOD

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

"We Praise You, O God"

#### \*BLESSING AND SENDING

#### \*POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Margot Downey, piano

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### WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



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Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor: and whereas both Houses of Gongress have by their joint Gommittee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness...

Now therefore I do recommend... that we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks for his kind care and protection of the people of this country.

> FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON'S PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING A DAY OF THANKSGIVING OCTOBER 3RD, 1789