

Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
November 24, 2022
Thanksgiving Day 10:30 a.m.



We are showered every day with the gifts of the earth, gifts we have neither earned nor paid for: air to breathe, nurturing rain, black soil, berries, and honeybees...a bag of rice, and the exuberance of a field of goldenrod and asters at full bloom. —Robin Wall Kimmerer

Prelude

*Praise the Lord With the Drums and Cymbals
We Thank Thee*

S. K-Elert
J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

**Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
Ere 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.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit in thankful praise to yield,
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

Prayer of Gratitude

W.E.B. DuBois

Give us thankful hearts, O God, in this the season of thy Thanksgiving. May we be thankful for health and strength, for sun and rain and peace. Let us seize the day and the opportunity and strive for that greatness of spirit that measures life not by its disappointments but by its possibilities, and let us ever remember that true gratitude and appreciation shows itself neither in independence nor satisfaction but passes the gift joyfully on in larger and better form. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 100, Luke 17:11–19

Ministry of Music

Thank the Lord

Rene Clausen

Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
Tell everyone what he has done.
Let every man who loves the Lord
Rejoice and gladly bear his name.

He recalls his promises
And leads his people forth in joy
With shouts of Thanksgiving
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reflections for Thanksgiving Day

Returning the Gift

One of the Nine

The One Who Returned

Harvest

Robin Wall Kimmerer

Christine Hides

Squire Prince

Timothy Radcliffe

Responsive Psalm, recite after each of the Reflections for Thanksgiving Day

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

come into the Lord's presence with singing.

**People: For the Lord is good;
the Lord's steadfast love endures forever
and the Lord's faithfulness to all generations.**

Ministry of Music *Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works*

arr. Emily R. Brink

Many and great, O God, are thy works,

Maker of earth and sky.

Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;

Thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.

Lo, at thy word the waters were formed.

Deep seas obey thy voice.

Grant unto us communion with thee,

Thou star-abiding one.

Come unto us and dwell with us.

With thee are found the gifts of life.

Bless us with life that has no end,

Eternal life with thee.

Lighting Harvest Candles

*Hymn of Sending *Let All Things Now Living*

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, all fearfulness banished,

As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God 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**

In gratitude, in deep gratitude

Iona Community

Leader: In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment,
this place,
these people,
we give ourselves to you.

**All: Take us out
to live as changed people,
because we have been touched by the living Lord
and cannot remain the same.**

Leader: Ask much from us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.

**All: So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

S. K-Elert

Please stand as you are able

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Participants:

Alyssa Bennett, Assistant Director of Choirs

Lisa Bond, Minister of Music

Chancel Choir

Joel Fox, Director of Media Production

Christine Hides, Minister for Discipleship, Worship Leader

Eun Joo Ju, Organist

Jonathan Wilson, Soloist

Audio and Video, Lilly Hunsader,

Kevin Kemp, Eric Tran-Ton

Liturgists, Hurley Family,

Squire Prince, Director of Youth

Ministry, Emma Rudberg,

Thomas Scott, Hailey Ziomek

Ushers, Eliza Hainen,

Melinda Hurley, Bennett Ruck

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Flowers: Giving thanks for our many blessings. The O'Neill Family.