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The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; for the LORD's steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Protector of My Soul"

Anne Barbour

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (vs 1,2,4)

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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 as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to 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.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come before the LORD with praise and thanksgiving!

All: We worship God with gladness!

One: Come before the LORD with gratitude and joy!

All: We shower God with our praise!

One: Come before the LORD with grateful hearts!

All: We bless God's holy name!

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Worlds Apart”

Roger Miller

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

God of all good gifts, for the blessings you have given us, for family and friends who enrich our lives, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to you. We have been sustained and empowered by your generosity. In Christ you have shown us a way to wholeness and peace. Accept our offerings of thanksgiving and praise and may all of our days be a living sacrifice of devotion to you. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Thanksgiving and Praise”

arr. Marilyn Ham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICTURES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Matthew Bennett is putting together a video to be shown on Christmas Eve. He would like pictures of individuals or families in the dark with lit candles. Think of when we dim the lights and have candles at the end of the service. These pictures will be shown during the virtual Christmas Eve Service. Please email your pictures to Matt at

matt22bennett@gmail.com

by December 6th.

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ADVENT WORDS

Christmas letters have been mailed with words/tickets for you to ponder during the upcoming Advent Season. If you did not receive a word and would like one, please text the word **Advent** to (816) 312-5053

ADVENT

It is almost Advent and we want you to be ready.

Put something together to make your own Advent Wreath or buy one online. Get candles—3 purple, 1 pink, and a white one for Christmas Eve. Make it a family affair and use your creativity. Send us your pictures when you have yours set up.

(Google and Pinterest have a lot of DIY ideas, especially for kids)

Advent begins November 29th

HOLIDAY HELPERS

We are again participating in the Independence School District's

Holiday Helper Campaign.

We will collect money until

December 4th

and the donations will go to families in need that aren't helped by other programs.

A family from our congregation will be matching all our gifts up to \$500.

You can mail a check or use the app.

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us for Virtual Sunday School. For more information do the following contact the church office.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

9:30 AM Virtual Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 AM Online Worship

Monday—Friday, 10:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group

Tuesday, 8:00 PM Opening Doors Bible Study on Zoom

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org

CONNECT

If you are visiting today we would love to connect with you. Text CONNECT to C.