

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Lean On Me (*Bill Withers*)

What a Wonderful World (*Weiss/Thiele*) David Pilk

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Susan Sue-Ling

INTROIT Sing to the Lord of Harvest

(John Samuel Monsell/Johann Steurlein harm. Healey Willan)

CALL TO WORSHIP

For the promise of harvest
contained within a seed;

we thank you.

For the oak tree within the acorn;

we thank you.

For the bread within a grain;

we thank you.

For the apple within an apple seed;

we thank you.

For the mystery of your Creation;

realized in this time of harvest,

we thank you, God.

We thank you.

***HYMN** Come, You Thankful People, Come **VU 516**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**Creating God, Giver of the harvest, Source of
creation and growth, we turn to you in the midst of
the work of gathering in your bounty, in the midst
of enjoying the beauty of this colourful season and**

**to offer thanks for our many blessings. As we enjoy the
company of family and friends, we are thankful for the
gifts of your Spirit in this time of change. When we
have forgotten to give thanks, or when we have
squandered our gifts, or when we have kept our gifts
just for ourselves—turn us, loving God—inspire us to
expand the circle of our faith community beyond all
boundaries—in thanks. God in Community, Holy
in One, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

Just as the changing seasons are part of God’s eternal
cycle of life, we are also embraced in our growing
and our changing.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Sing, Sing Out! (*Hannah/Melhorne-Boe*)

MV 180 **Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.**

Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out!

Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!

Repeat

THEME CONVERSATION ‘When We Are Kind’

by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt

***SONG** Thank You (*M.G. Schneider*)

Thank you for giving me the morning,
thank you for every day that’s new. Thank you
that I can know my worries can be cast on you.

Thank you for all my friends and others,
thank you for everyone who lives, thank you
for even greatest enemies I can forgive.

Thank you, I see your word has meaning,
thank you, I know your Spirit here, thank you,
because you love all people, those both far and near.

Thank you, O Lord your love is boundless,
thank you, that I am full of you. Thank you,
you make me feel so glad and thankful as I do.

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RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 126 VU p.850 2nd Ref.

(Those who sow in tears, reap in joy.) Pat Innes

ANTHEM Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (*J.McCoy*)

GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-33 *p.6 Pew Bible NT*

(Do not worry about what you will eat or drink.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Harvesting Hope

***HYMN** We Plough the Fields **VU 520**

SHARING GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Thanksgiving Song (*Mary Chapin Carpenter*)

David Pilkey/Rev. Lorraine

***DEDICATION** Grateful (*T. Tomaszek*) *MV 182*

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy
Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,**

**O God of love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy
flowing, we will praise you.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing

PRAYER PRELUDE There Is Room For All *MV 62*
**There is room for all in the shadow of God’s wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God’s love.
And I rejoice and sing, ‘my refuge and my
rock in whom I trust.’ There is room for all,
there is room for all.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER
VU p. 910

*** HYMN** For the Fruit of All Creation *VU 227*

***COMMISSIONING**

And now, may we go into the world ready to live with gratitude and generosity.

We go knowing that God’s intention is abundance for all.

Go into the world and share this life-giving abundance with all you meet.

Today and every day.

(Allison Abbott-Wiebe, St. Paul’s U.C., Graysville, Man.)

***SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go *MV 216*

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God
(Sigfrid Karg-Elert arr. Noel Rawsthorne)



**Mission and Service
Food Security**



Across Canada and around the world, food insecurity is a growing issue—one that’s impossible to ignore. One that we must all work to fight.

This Thanksgiving, when you make a gift through Mission and Service, you are empowering dozens of food-related organizations to make real change in the lives of people within Canada and around the globe.

Your donation will have an incredible impact, supporting people in Canada’s northern communities, helping farmers in El Salvador deal with climate change, and ensuring seniors can afford weekly groceries.

Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Amen.



Wasauksing Food Bank



Food for the North. Photo: Cheryl Jourdain

Dora Alicia Sorho School Farm; Christine Newfield

River Bend Integrated Community Ministries

https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2024-09/2024_thanksgiving_slides.pdf



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**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
October 13, 2024
11:00 am**

As harvest returns, the varied ways in which God wraps life-giving seeds make for a colourful display of fruit and flowers of every kind; beauty of pattern and design. This is a feast for all to share, filling our hearts with gratitude for God’s constant love and care. (B. Chatfield)

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home! All is safely gathered in, safe before the storms begin; God, our maker, does provide for our needs to be supplied: come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field, harvests for God's praise to yield; wheat and weeds together sown, here for joy or sorrow grown; first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear: Harvest-giver, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For God, one day, shall come, and shall take this harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offences purge away; giving angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, God, quickly come to your final harvest home! Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there for ever purified, in your presence to abide; come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Psalm 126

R: We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.

When God brought Zion's captives home, it seemed to us like a dream

But then our mouths were full of laughter, and our tongues uttered shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations: "God has done great things for them."

Truly God has done great things for us, and therefore we rejoice. R

Restore our fortunes, O god, as streams refresh the Negev.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy

Those who go out weeping, carry seed for sowing,

shall come home with songs of joy, bringing in their sheaves. R

We Plough the Fields

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand; you send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All Good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; we thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.

You only are the maker of all things near and far; you paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star; the winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed; much more to us, your children, you give us daily bread. **R**

We thank you then, O Maker, for all things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food; accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts, and, what from us you long for, our humble, thankful hearts **R**

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

