

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

St. Paul's and Zion United Church of Christ



Wednesday, November 24, 6:30 p.m.

301 West Penn Avenue

Robesonia, Pennsylvania

Worship

Prelude "We Gather Together" an arrangement of the hymn tune
"Kremser" by Murray C. Bradshaw

Meditation

Let us be in prayer for one another as we sit here, gathered in praise and thanksgiving. Let us be in prayer for family members and friends who are not here tonight. Ask God to speak to their hearts and heal what needs to be healed. Let us praise God for what he is about to do in our hearts and the hearts of the ones for whom we pray.

Welcome - Pastor Motz

Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" (all verses)
(back of bulletin)

Responsive Call to Worship - led by Pastor Motz

One: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

All: **Serve the Lord with gladness.**

One: Come before his presence with thanksgiving.

All: **Know ye that the Lord he is God.**

One: It is he who has made us and not we ourselves.

All: **We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

All: **Be thankful unto him and bless his name.**

One: For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting,

All: **and his truth endureth onto all generations.**

Unison Invocation - led by Pastor Mest

All: **Loving and lively God, we invite you to make our hearts skip a beat or two. Hover over us and swirl within us and around us. Lift us from the ordinary into clouds of excitement. You, Lord, are the power and the glory without end. Come, the Father of the universe and of the tiny cell. Come, Son of the Father, giver of renewed life. Come, Holy Spirit, connector of the Father and the Son to we who are held fast to the earth. Gather us in your sheepfold, lead us to the cross, place us on your wings. Oh, we say thanks to each of you and all of you - the everlasting but very present Trinity. Amen.**

Choir Anthem - "My Tribute" - Andrae Crouch (virtual choir)

Prayer

Scripture

First Lesson: Psalm 67
Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25-33

Children's Message - "What's That in Your Heart?" -
Rev. Mary Etta Mest

Sermon Rev. Dr. Benjamin Motz

Hymn "Praise and Thanksgiving" - all verses (back of bulletin)

Offering Invitation - "You Turned My Gripping into Gratitude" -
Leslie G. Brandt from the book, "Pungent Prayers" by
Phil E. Pierce - Read by Pastor Mest

Congregation Singing Offertory Praise

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above all heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Dedication - Pastor Mest

Lord, these gifts from our hearts are lifted to you. Magnify them, bring them to fruition, that they may bless and help more people than we can imagine. Help us to continue to be faithful in our giving so we can look into your face and know we have followed your commands from Matthew 25.

Commission - Pastor Motz

Leader: Seek first the Kingdom of God
and all other things shall be yours as well.

People: **We will serve with joy wherever God sends us.**

**We will lift up our prayers, that all people might know
God's truth.**

Leader: Witness to your faith before others
for God has appointed you to speak.

People: **We know that God values and loves us**

**and will supply the help we need to witness in word and
in deed.**

ALL: **Amen.**

Benediction - Pastor Motz

Hymn "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" - all verses
(back of bulletin)

Silence with Chimes

721 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

F C/E F Dm C F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb A

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home,
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home,

Dm Gm C F Bdim/D C/E Dm F/G G7 C

All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - rows grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
 gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

C C/Bb F/A C7/G F F/Eb Bb/D F7/C Bb

God, our ma - ker, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear,
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your pres - ence to a - bide.

D/F# D Gm C/E C F Bb/D Bb F/A Dm F/C C7 F

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Praise and Thanksgiving

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Unison C

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer
 2 God bless the la - bor we bring to serve you;
 3 You are pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren,
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - ery peo - ple,

C Em Am C/E Am F# Gsus G7

for all things liv - ing, you have made good:
 that with our neigh - bor we may be fed.
 your wis - dom guid - ing teach - es us share
 all lands con - fess - ing your gra - cious hand.

C F Dm7 C/E Am D/F#

har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the or - chard,
 Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work with you;
 one with an - oth - er so that, re - joic - ing,
 Where you are reign - ing no one will hun - ger,

Em G C Fmaj7 G7 C Csus C

hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 oth - ers may know you and praise your care.
 your love sus - tain - ing, fruit - ful the land.

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719 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

F $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat B \flat $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me;
 4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;

F $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat B \flat $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.
 I, the Lord, will smile up-on you and give you peace:

$\frac{B\flat}{D}$ F $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat Cm $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ F Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ Dm Gm9 $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here his ten-der com-fort
 I, the Lord, will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and

$\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat B \flat $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing— you are my own.
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free.
 Broth-er. Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you and give you peace.

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