

### **Tonight's Worship Leaders**

Reverend Debra Short	Bethlehem
Reverend Mark Weekley	Pleasant Garden
Pingyi (Lesley) Song	Director of Choirs – Bethlehem
Julee Marshall	Lay Director of Music – Pleasant Garden
Laura Cranfill	Pianist – Bethlehem
Jane Reddick	Organist – Bethlehem
	Communion Stewards

Thank you to the choirs, directors and musicians for tonight's offering of music to the glory of God.

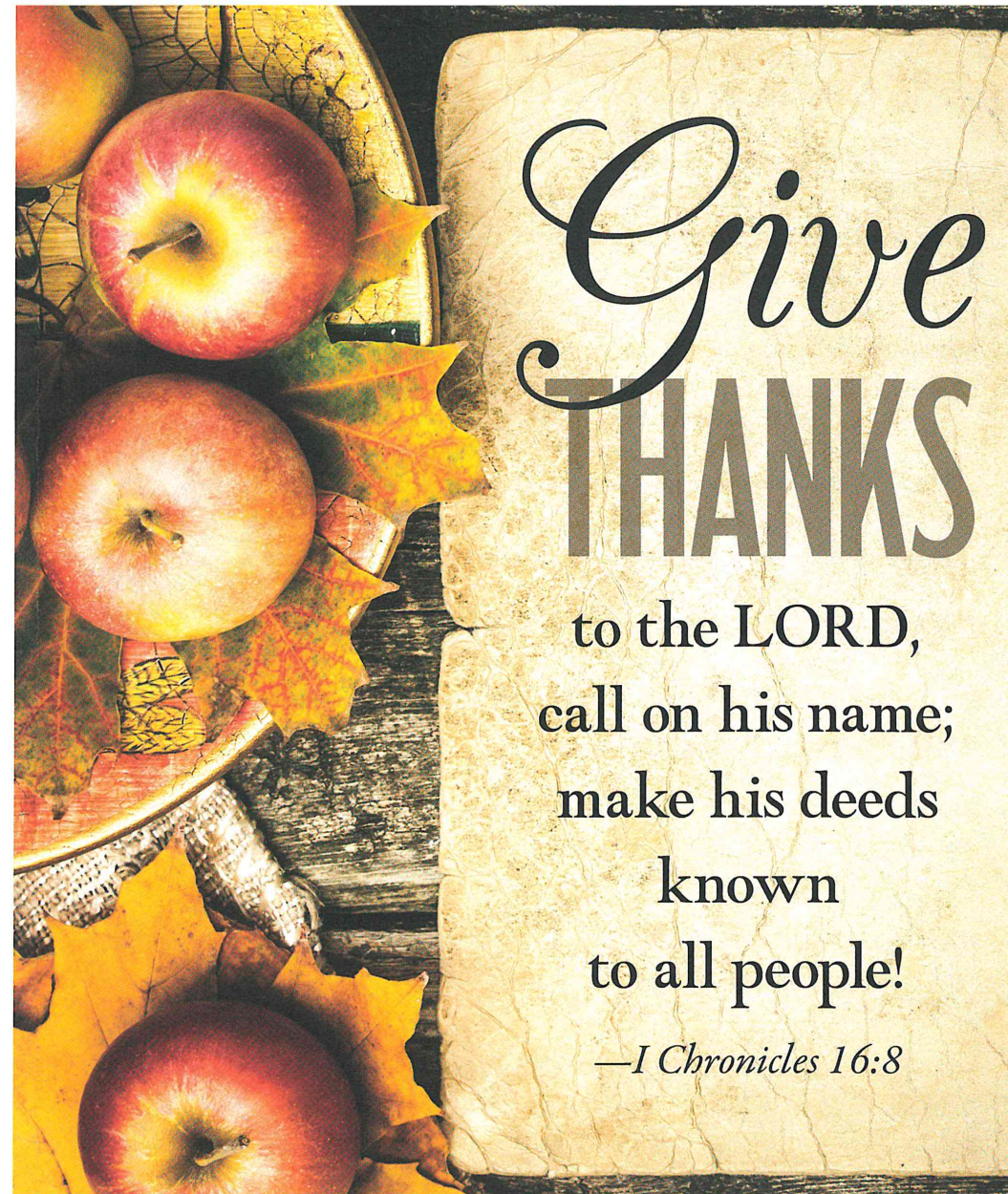
Thank you to Reverend Mark Weekley for bringing the Word of God and the Proclamation of the Word.

Thank you to all who helped and provided the refreshments.

**Please join us next year for the Community Thanksgiving Service which will be held at Pleasant Garden UMC on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.**

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A Community Thanksgiving Worship Service  
Bethlehem and Pleasant Garden United Methodist Churches  
November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm

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**ENTERING INTO FELLOWSHIP**

Shofar Blessing and the Blowing of the Shofar

Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Candles

\*Call to Worship                      *Surely the Presence of the Lord*                      Hymnal 328

\*A Word of Welcome

\*Gathering Litany of Praise

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon the earth.

**People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.

**People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**  
(U.S.A. 20<sup>TH</sup> Cent. Alt.)

\*Opening Hymn                      *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*                      Hymnal 694

**SHARING OURSELVES WITH GOD**

Prayers of the People / The LORD'S Prayer

(Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.    **People: Lord, hear our prayer.)**

Anthem                      *We Thank You, Lord*

The Offering

*Tonight's offering will benefit the outreach ministries of both churches which help to  
provide relief for those who need it in our communities during this holiday season.*

\*Doxology                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      Hymnal 95

\*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving

**THE WORD OF GOD CHANGING OUR LIVES**

Scripture                      Philippians 2:1-16

Sermon                      "Your Holiday Action Plan"                      Rev. Mark Weekley

**OUR THANKSGIVING AND RESPONSE**

Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

**ALL: Merciful LORD, we confess that we have often failed to live in thankfulness.**

**What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We  
have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after  
us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who  
have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving;  
and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of  
Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Through God's grace, the love of Christ, and the power of the  
Holy Spirit, we are forgiven. Let us rejoice and be glad. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

**SEE INSERT**

Communion Blessing

Anthem                      *I Am His Child*

**GOING FORTH FOR GOD**

\*Closing Hymn                      *Now Thank We All Our God*                      Hymnal 102

\*Benediction and Response                      *Give Thanks*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because  
He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.    REPEAT  
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong" let the poor say, "I am rich" because of  
what the Lord has done for us.    REPEAT.    Give thanks.*

\*Postlude

**All are invited to a reception and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall  
following the worship service.**

*A Shofar is an ancient musical horn typically made of a ram's horn, used for Jewish  
religious purposes. The Shofar is blown to convene assemblies and to herald messages. It  
is also blown in synagogues to mark the end of the fast at Yom Kippur, and blown at four  
particular occasions in the prayers on Rosh Hashanah. Blowing the Shofar indicates that  
the LORD God is King of the universe.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

By your appointment the seasons come and go. You bring forth bread from the earth and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your image and made us stewards of your world. Earth has yielded its treasure, and from your hand we have received blessing on blessing.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor. When hungry and tempted, he refused to make bread for himself that he might be the bread of life for others. When the multitudes were hungry, he fed them. He broke bread with the outcast but drove the greedy from the temple.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**