

# *A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving*

Third Reformed Church

November 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE      Come, Ye Thankful People, Come      setting by Hal H. Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP    from Psalm 126 (*responsively*)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come  
home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION    473      Come, You Thankful People, Come  
Tune: ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION      (*in unison*)

**Almighty God,**

**all that we have is yours. Everything we claim in this world comes  
from your abundant hand. You are so generous to us. Forgive us  
when we have not expressed gratitude for all you have done for  
us. Forgive us when our response to your abundance is greed.  
Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to receive your gifts with joy  
and your abundance with gratitude. Through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*HYMN      543      Now Thank we All Our God  
Tune: NUN DANKET

## THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ruth 4:13-27      p. 244

This is the Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25-33      p. 6

This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MEDITATION      “Kingdom Provision”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 86 (*responsively*)

Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through  
Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good  
works?

**Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring  
us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we  
may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he  
may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith  
by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be  
won over to Christ.**

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING OF THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

ANTHEM

Frederick Chatfield

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise;  
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

By him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring;  
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing;  
He filleth with His fullness all things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.

—Rev. John S.B. Monsell

\*DOXOLOGY      965      Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION      396      For the Fruit of All Creation  
Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      Now Thank We All Our God                      Sigfrid Karg-Elert



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: Rev Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Hunter Brumels, liturgist; Mary VanVoorst, flute; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.



Our Thanksgiving offering is designated for Community Action House, whose Community Kitchen provides, in partnership with Western Theological Seminary, a place to identify needs and struggles of our most vulnerable neighbors while providing them a meal.

