

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Prelude J. S. Bach
Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 657

Welcome

Introit *Laudate Dominum* Taizé
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship (J. Harader) Laura Kisthardt

Leader: Though we could be resentful,

People: we come to give thanks.

Leader: Though we could be complaining,

People: we come to offer appreciation.

Leader: Though we could be upset about what we lack,

People: we come in gratitude for what we have.

Leader: We enter now into this time of worship

People: singing songs of joy, rejoicing together, offering our thanks and praise.

Hymn 526 ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield, all the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky, all that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land, all that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'er-flowing stores.

These to thee, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow; and for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise. Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Prayer of Confession Mary Kate Buchanan
In the midst of our thanksgiving, Gracious Giver, we pause to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day. We know that we forget about you. We forget to love you and one another. We forget to help our neighbors. We forget to thank you. Forgive us. Grant us clear minds to know you, renewed hearts to love you, strong hands to serve you. Guide us this day, this week, and always so that we live our whole life in thanksgiving to you, we pray...
(moments for silent reflections)

Words of Assurance

Anthem
9:00 Grateful for the Little Things T. Jennings
Cherub Choir

10:30 traditional English
All Things Bright and Beautiful
Explorer Choir

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

Dee Buchanan
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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn 529 ASH GROVE

Let All Things Now Living
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Pastoral Prayer Jeanette Brodersen

Offertory Litany of Thanksgiving J. N. Beck
Speaker: Jon Dodson

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-4
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Peter Wiley

Hymn 27

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Now Thank We All Our God

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and
voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom
this world rejoices, who, from our mothers' arms,
hath 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 in all grace, and guide us when
perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and
the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God almighty now be given;
to God, the three-in-one, who reigns in highest heav-
en, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven
adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

J. C. Kittel

Prepare Thyself, My Soul, Watch and Pray