



A Community
Thanksgiving
Celebration

to benefit the
Interfaith Food Pantry

Sunday, November 22
4 p.m.

Hosted by the
Advent Christian Church
First Congregational Church
Saint Peter Catholic Church
Farmington, New Hampshire

Welcome to this special celebration of Thanksgiving.
Since 1991, the Interfaith Food Pantry has given
freely to help feed our community. Today, we gather
to give thanks to God for this ministry and for the
bountiful blessings that we have received.

*A Call to Thanksgiving Sister Lucie Ducas
Choir: Come, ye thankful people come

O God, we give thanks for all that You have done for us.
for the gift of life upon this good earth;
for the work that we can do and the strength to do it;

We give thanks for all that others have done for us.
for those who taught us when we were children;
for those who guided us through our youth and kept us
focused on a straight path;
for those who to this day love us and surround us with care.

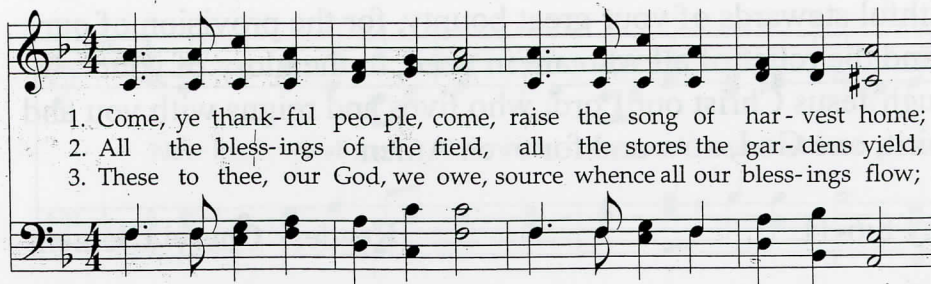
Choir: Come, ye thankful people come

We give you thanks for all that your church has done for us:
for the sacraments of Your grace,
for the prayers of Your people;
for friendship and fellowship which we enjoy;
for support, strength and guidance along life's way.

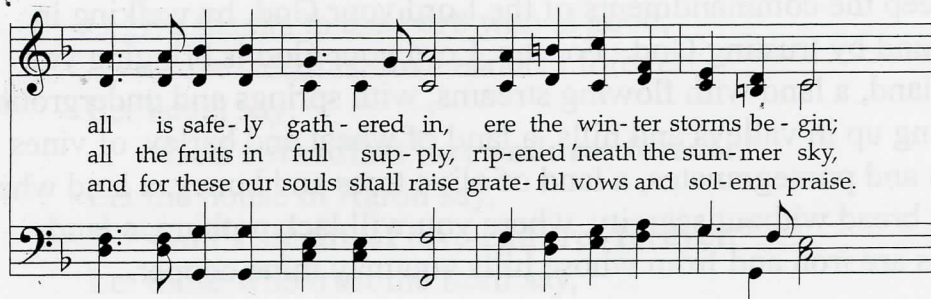
We give you thanks for all that You have done for us in Jesus Christ.
In Christ you have opened to us a new way of life,
You call us to serve one another and to feed Your people.

Choir: Come to God's own temple come,
raise the song of harvest home.

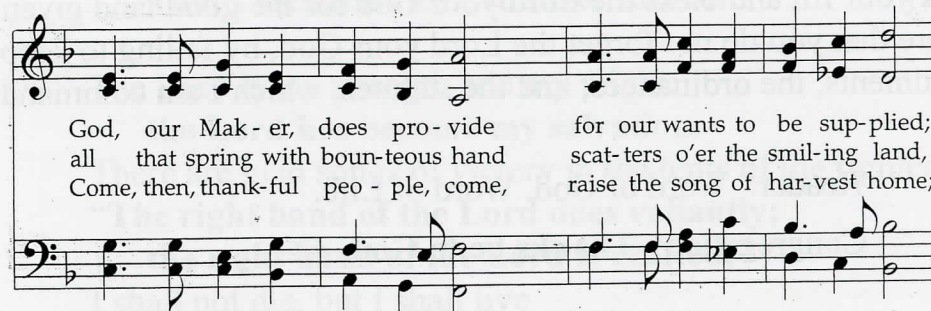
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



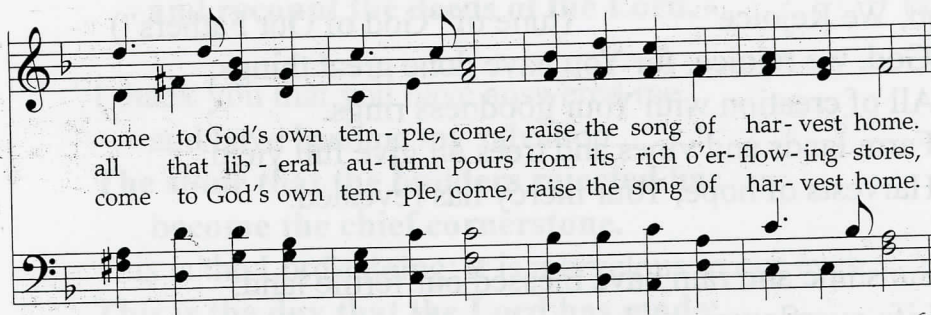
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
2. All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,
3. These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless-ings flow;



all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-en-ed 'neath the sum-mer sky,
and for these our souls shall raise grate-ful vows and sol-lemn praise.



God, our Mak-er, does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;
all that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,
Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;



come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,
come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

Prayer (unison)

Almighty and gracious Father-Mother, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Deuteronomy 8:6-11

Reader: Cheryl Clement

Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in God's ways and by trusting God. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep the commandments, the ordinances, and the statutes, which I am commanding you today.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: "God, We Rejoice" (tune of "God of Our Fathers")

God, we rejoice, for You have done great things;
All of creation with Your goodness rings.
Farm lands and vines and trees all give full yield;
Harvests of hope, Your mercy has revealed.

Sunshine and rain have blessed our fertile land;
Life overflows with bounty from Your hand.
'Round us is plenty, meant for us to share
With all God's people, here and everywhere.

RESPONSE

Martin Rinkart; tr. Catherine Winkworth
Johann Crüger; harm. Felix Mendelssohn


Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voice - es.

O give thanks to the Lord who is good,
whose steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say:

“God's steadfast love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,

“God's steadfast love endures forever.”

Let those who trust the Lord say,

“God's steadfast love endures forever.” (sing)

The Lord is my strength and my might:

the Lord has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous.

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

I shall not die, but I shall live

and recount the deeds of the Lord. (sing)

I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has

become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Gloria Patri)

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen. Amen.

*The Gosepl of Matthew 6:25-33

Reader: Pastor Bill Downing

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will God not much more clothe you-- you of little faith?"

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Reader: This is the good news.

Congregation: **Praise to you, Jesus Christ.**

Hymn: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (see next page)

Bill Downing, guitar Beverly Downing, flute

"In Everything Give Thanks"

Pastor Kent Schneider

Community Choir: "Simple Gifts"

adapted by John Coates, Jr.

Louise Shields, Director/pianist

Give Thanks with A Grateful Heart

F C/E Dm Am

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,

Bb F/A Eb C7

give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

F C/E Dm Am

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,

Bb F/A Eb C7

give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

Am Dm7 Gm C7

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

Fm7 Dm7 Eb C7

rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

Am Dm7 Gm C7

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

Fm7 Dm7 Eb C7

rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time
Bb/C F

Offering Our Gifts and Our Lives

The Five Kernel Prayer

Reader: Dave Walker

Five kernels of corn on an empty plate
reminding us of our Pilgrim kin,
where hunger was so very great
that death might have become a friend.

O Great Creator of the earth itself,
you who give bounteous harvest from seed,
grant that we not so much stock our shelf,
as we share your abundance with those in need.

When we sit down to tables stacked
with food of every sort and name,
before mouth and stomach are packed
may we remember from Whom this came. Amen.

Offering our Gifts:

Don Marble

Volunteers from the Interfaith Food Pantry will receive your
offering and bring the gifts of food forward.

The Gift of Music

“Amazing Grace”

Jenee' White, piano

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Church Brass

Trumpets: Kent Schneider, Paul Sanborn

Trombones: Brenda Oliver, Gordon Oliver

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

Rev. John Fogel, piano

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Church Brass

“We Gather Together To Ask the Lord's Blessing”

Festive Doxology

tune: All Creatures of Our God and King

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of abundance, we give these gifts with grateful hearts,
thankful for the work of the Interfaith Food Pantry which
not only provides food but also gives kindness and hope to
people in our communities. May our offering be blessed by
Your Spirit and serve all who come to enjoy it. In the name
of Jesus Christ who taught us to say when we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Gordon Oliver, Brenda Oliver, piano

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.

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
for ever and ever. Amen.

Sending Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God (next page)

The Benediction: I Colossians 3:12-13

Rev. John Fogel

The Blessing "God Be With You til We Meet Again"

The Combined Choir

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,

who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
and keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Participants in this service of worship:

Clergy:

Rev. William Downing, Advent Christian Church
Sr. Lucie Ducas, St. Peter Catholic Church
Rev. John Fogel, Advent Christian Church, 1990-2000
Rev. Kent Schneider, First Congregational Church, UCC

Musicians

Combined Choirs from Farmington Churches
Rev. Bill Downing, guitar
Beverly Downing, flute
Rev. John Fogel, piano
Brenda Oliver, Organist, St. Peter Catholic Church
Gordon Oliver, Choir Director, St. Peter Catholic Church
Paul Sanborn, trumpet
Rev. Kent Schneider, trumpet
Louise Shields, Choir Director/Organist,
First Congregational Church, UCC
Jenee' White, piano, First Congregational Church

Lay Leaders

Cheryl Clement, Interfaith Food Pantry
Don Marble, Co-Chair, the Interfaith Food Pantry
Dave Walker, Interfaith Food Pantry
Jacqueline Webb, First Congregational Church, UCC

Volunteers

We thank the many dedicated volunteers who give their time to the Interfaith Food Pantry, especially the students at Farmington High School and the Boy Scout Troop 188 and Cub Scout Pack 188.

Thank you for your continuing support of this community ministry. We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

The Interfaith Food Pantry
will be open next Saturday,
from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

A Community Breakfast
will be served at 8 am in
the Vestry.