

The Falls Village Congregational Church
November 19, 2023 10:00 a.m.
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. D Elizabeth Mauro, Worship Leader

Greeting and Welcome

Ringling of the Church Bell

Prelude - *Now Thank We All Our God* - arr. J. Carter

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (from Susan R. Tomlinson)

We bring ourselves to you, O God, as we prepare to worship.

We desire to begin and end this time of worship focused on your awesome presence.

We desire to hear your voice within us.

We desire to grow in gratitude and devotion to you.

Hear us as we lift our praise and thanks before you.

We open our hearts as we come before you in worship.

Prayer for God's Presence (Unison):

Together: O God, we come before you this day, just as we are, and knowing we need your word of hope and joy. As people you have called your own, breathe into us your Spirit, that we may witness to your love by the way we live our lives and by the concern we show for others. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn: #718 *Come Ye Thankful People, Come*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Together: Compared to your faithfulness, O God, our ways are crooked and not straight; our desires are selfish and not generous; our devotion is shallow and not deep. We sometimes have used your name without seriousness and have often lived without gratitude for all your gifts. Forgive us, we ask, and turn our hearts toward you. Let the spirit of Christ convert and dwell in us, that we may honor you with our entire beings. In the name of Christ, we earnestly pray, Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading: Psalm 126

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings

II Corinthians 9:6-15

Mary Atwood

Colossians 3:12-17

Rev. Dr. D. Elizabeth Mauro

Congregational Song of Prayer: #528 *Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

Sermon: "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart"
The Rev. Dr. D. Elizabeth Mauro

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

Offertory Anthem: *I Wanna Thank You, Lord* - P.F. Simms

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: #715 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

You are invited to place your offerings as you leave in the plate at either entrance to the church.

718 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Descant

3. These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence our blessings flow;

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;

for these our souls raise grate-ful vows and praise. Come, then, ye

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

thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

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.

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.

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 126

- When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,^[a]
 we were like those who dream.
- ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with shouts of joy;
 then they said among the nations,
 "The LORD has done great things for them."**
- ³ The LORD has done great things for us;
 we are glad.**
- ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
 like the watercourses in the Negeb!**
- ⁵ May those who sow in tears
 reap with shouts of joy!**
- ⁶ He that goes forth weeping,
 bearing the seed for sowing,
 shall come home with shouts of joy,
 bringing his sheaves with him.**

Scripture Lessons for November 19, 2023

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (RSV)

⁶The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness^[a] endures for ever.”


¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources^[b] and increase the harvest of your righteousness.^[c] ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; ¹²for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Under the test of this service, you^[d] will glorify God by your obedience in acknowledging the gospel of Christ, and by the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others; ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God in you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

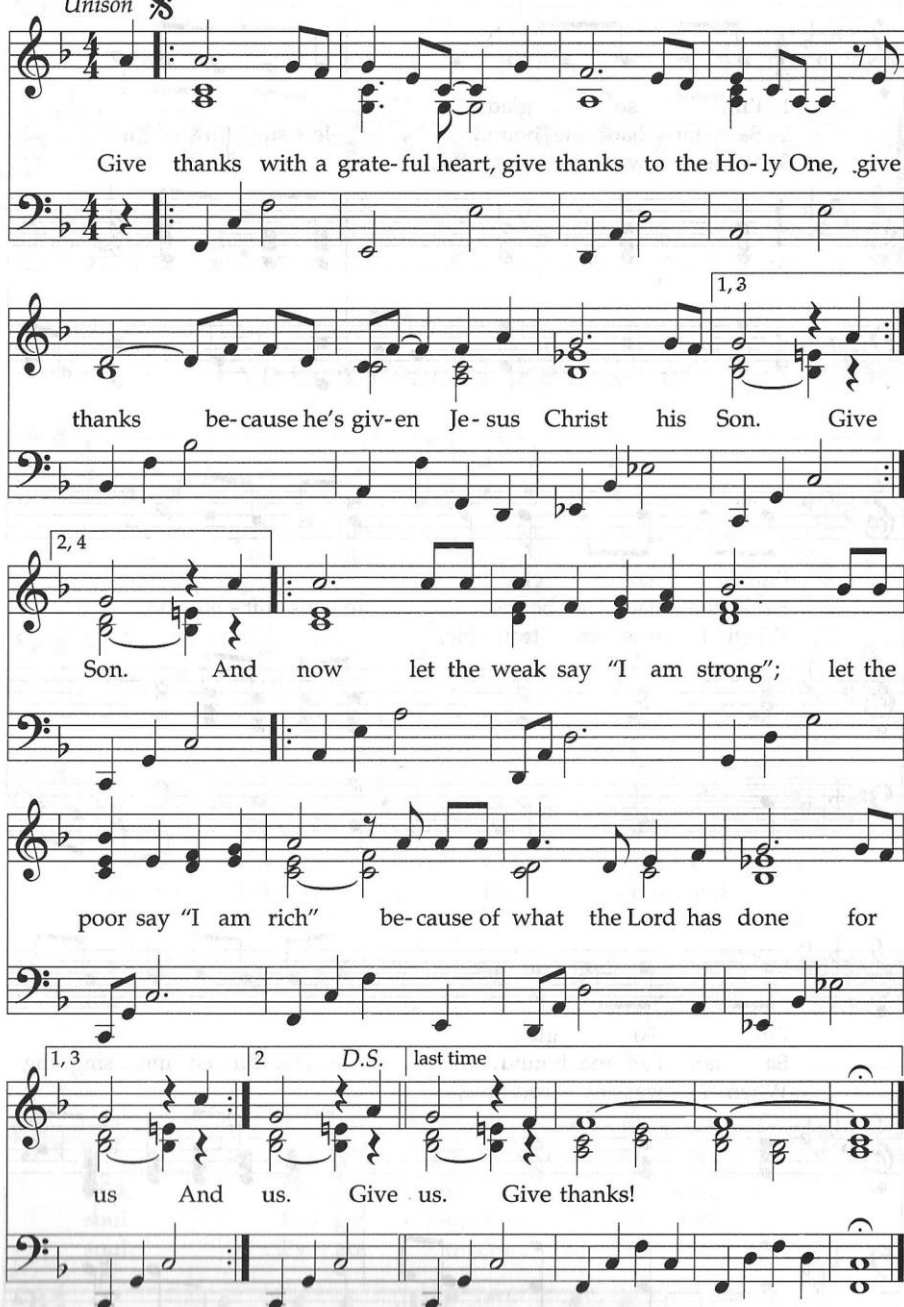
Colossians 3:12-17 (RSV)

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, ¹³forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Give Thanks

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Unison 



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

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

Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the

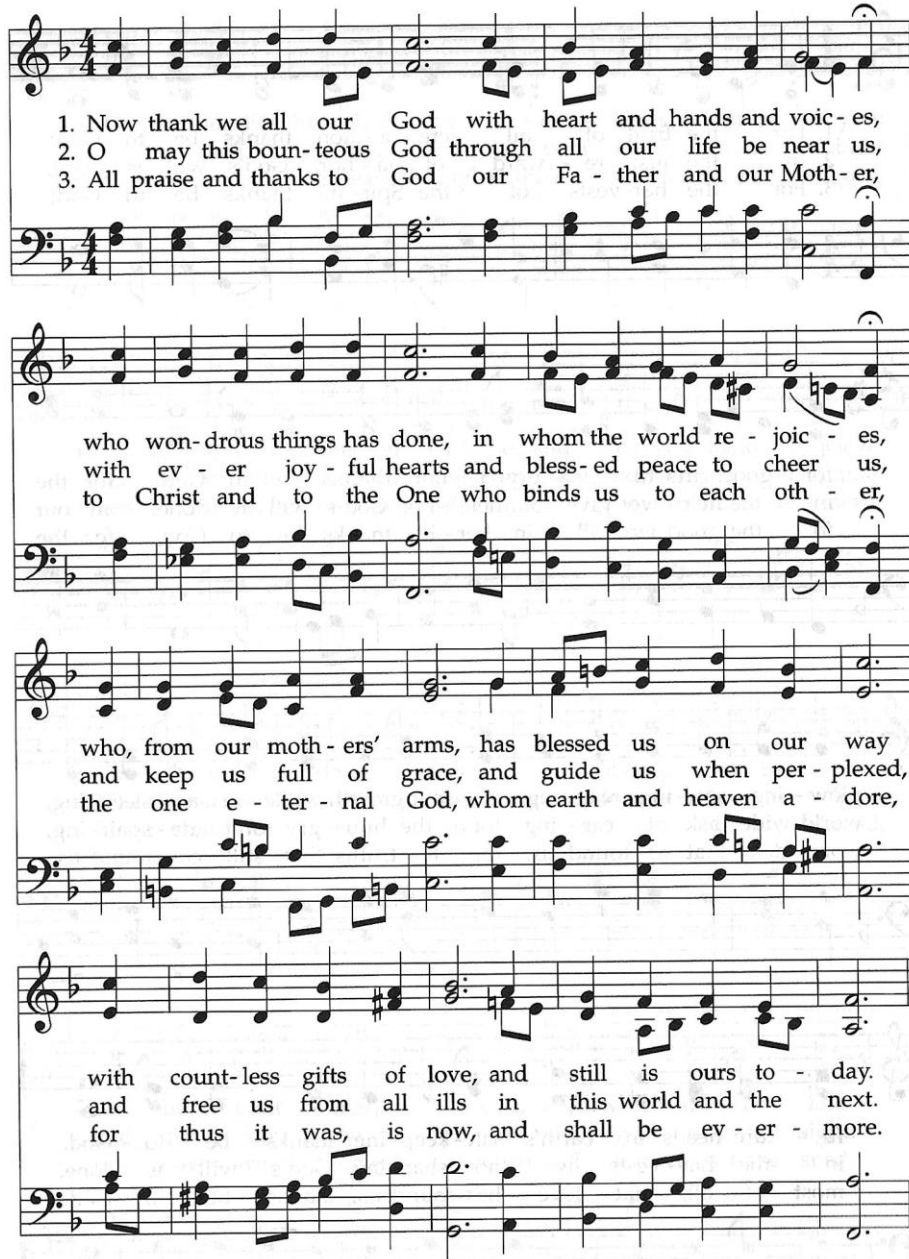
poor say "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us And us. Give us. Give thanks!

1, 3 2 D.S. last time

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Now Thank We All Our God



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic-es,
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God our Fa-ther and our Moth-er,

who won-drous things has done, in whom the world re-joic-es,
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
 to Christ and to the One who binds us to each oth-er,

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us full of grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heaven a-dore,

with count-less 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 ev-er-more.