



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—based on Psalm 126

Though we could be resentful,  
**we come to give thanks.**  
Though we could be complaining,  
**we come to offer appreciation.**  
Though we could be upset about what we lack,  
**we come in gratitude for what we have.**  
We enter now into this time of worship  
**rejoicing in our personal  
and corporate harvests,  
singing songs of joy,  
giving thanks together.**

**HYMN #475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

—based on Psalm 145:15-16 and John 6:35

**God our provider, it is the time of year  
to gather in the produce of the earth;  
and so we give thanks for the gifts of food.  
It is the time of year  
when we admire the bright colors of the season;  
and so we pause to give thanks  
for the beauty of the earth.  
In our time of worship this morning,  
move within and among us,  
awakening us to your presence,  
opening our eyes to see your gifts,  
moving our hearts to respond to your grace.  
Amen.**

**RESPONSE #612** *We Praise You, O God*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

**Gracious God, we desire to be people who live  
simply and generously, yet we struggle with  
covetousness and consumerism.**

**Forgive our willing participation in systems that  
work to the advantage of the already-privileged  
and take advantage of the already-needy. Grant  
us the grace of contentment and gratitude, and  
grow in us a generosity of spirit that reflects your  
heart of generosity.**

(time for silent reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**—based on Philippians 4:4-8

**Do not worry; the Lord is near!  
God hears our prayers with compassion  
and with abundant, steadfast love,  
and guards our hearts and minds with peace.**

**Beloved, know that God rejoices over you, guides  
you into new life, and sends you into the world to  
live generously, in love, for the sake of others.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #37** *Let All Things Now Living*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 16:5-11  
Philippians 4:10-20

**MESSAGE** Contentment and Generosity

**HYMN #716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

**DEDICATION OF PLEDGES FOR 2023**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your 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 yours is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
now and forever. Amen.***

**HYMN #643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*** John 20:21