

# ***Mt. Zion United Church of Christ***

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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion & Thanksgiving Sunday**

### ***Thankful for Our Present***

*This morning, as we worship our God, we also celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here at Mt. Zion UCC, all are invited to the table of grace. At this service, communion will be served by Intinction. All who are able are welcome to process down the center aisle to receive communion. You may take a piece of bread and then proceed to the juice. You can dip the bread in the cup, or you may take an individual cup. For those who need to remain seated, please indicate to a welcome team member or the pastor and communion will be brought to your seat. Thank you!*

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.*

*For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TIME OF GRATITUDE**

*During this time of gratitude, we will be naming the food ministries at Mt. Zion as an expression of gratitude for the gift of being a servant for God.*

**PRELUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God with Come Ye Thankful People Come* arr. Berry

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

L: God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

**P: Come and give thanks!**

L: God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.

**P: Come and give thanks!**

L: God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety.

**P: Come and give thanks!**

L: God breathes upon us and fills us with life.

**P: Come lift your voices in praise!**

L: God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.

**P: Come lift your voices in praise!**

L: God touches our hearts through family and friends.

**P: Come lift your voices in praise!**

L: God loves us and blesses us with everything good.

**P: Come and worship!**

L: God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity.

**P: Come and worship!**

L: God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!

**P: Come and worship!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 425** (black hymnal)

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

## \*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Unclutter our lives, Lord, for we have too much, consume too much, expect too much. Grant us perspective: to see this world through others' eyes and not just our own. Grant us compassion where there is need to play our part, not turn aside. Grant us gratitude for what we have, our daily bread, the gift of life. Unclutter our lives, Lord, give us space, simplicity, thankful hearts.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2162 (FWS, v. 2 & refrain)

*Grace Alone*

**ALL SING:** Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR**

*We Gather Together* (Traditional) and *How Great Thou Art* (Traditional)

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

(8 AM) **JUBILATION ANTHEM**      *The Blessings of God*      by Williams, Lantz

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*During the Joys and Concerns, we invite you to reflect on someone or something that you are thankful for and write it on the strip of paper provided. During the offertory, we invite you to join the strips of paper together with others in your row, using the stickers provided.*

**HYMN NO. 332** (black hymnal)

*As We Gather at Your Table*

**OFFERING**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*10,000 Reasons*

by Redman and Myrin

*During the offertory, we invite you to join the strips of paper together with others in your row, using the stickers provided. We invite you to bring forward the chain of gratitude from your row.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 376 (black hymnal, new verse)

*God, We Thank You for Our People*

**ALL SING:** God, we thank you for your blessings, now our hearts we give to you. For your love that you give freely, for our lives that are renewed. As the church we sing out to you, songs of praise forevermore. God, we thank you for our blessings, now our hearts we give to you.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION

L: As we come to this table... I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ, it is a table that is open to all.

L: May God be with us.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**ALL: God is here among us.**

L: Let us open our hearts to God.

**ALL: We open them to God and to one another.**

L: Let us give thanks to God.

**ALL: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Source and Sustainer of life, we gather at this table to offer thanks, and to taste afresh the wonder of a holy love. In companionship with all creatures, we are one in gratitude for the gift and mystery of life, and one in longing for a world reborn.

**ALL: Creator and Friend, we praise you for your presence in and with your creation, ever drawing it toward healing and wholeness. In our joy, you are the overflowing cup; in our need, you are the bread by which we journey on. With all who abide in your presence and care, we lift our voices in praise: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Heaven and earth praise you, O God most high!**

## REMEMBERING THE STORY

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

L: Holy God, we pray for your Spirit.

**ALL: Make us, while many, one. Make us, though broken, whole. Make us, despite death, alive.**

L: And so we pray:

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

L: Send your Holy Spirit, God, on us and what we do, that as we break bread and drink wine, we may be united with Christ, he in us and we in him, that we who are many may be one in him. Make us strong in faith and love, that we may become truly human, as Christ was truly human. Amen.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

*At this time, all who are able are welcome to process down the center aisle to receive communion. You may take a piece of bread and then proceed to the juice. You can dip the bread in the cup, or you may take an individual cup. For those who need to remain seated, please indicate to a welcome team member or the pastor and communion will be brought to your seat. Thank you!*

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**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ALL:** For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 422** (black hymnal)

*Come, O Thankful People, Come*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

by Unke

# NOTES

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of John and Connie Wolfe's son, Joshua Mottin, by John and Connie Wolfe.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the November Worship Team by the congregation.

The bulletins are presented in memory of John and Connie Wolfe's son, Joshua Mottin, by John and Connie Wolfe.

Thank you to the November Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Lana Fritz, Dani Kardisco, Diane Strine, Elaine Bevivino, and Pastor Dani.

Thank you to Jubilation for participating in the 8 AM service and to the children's bell choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Tim Snyder, Tama Allison; Danika & Drew Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Robin Schriver, George DeMers, Anne Henry, and Nancy Sleeper

10:30 AM Acolyte: Anson Morcos

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

<sup>1</sup>The call to worship is from the Mennonite Church Canada, found at [www.mennonitechurch.ca](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca)

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of Confession was written by John Birch and posted on Faith and Worship at [www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com)

<sup>3</sup>*Grace Alone*. Jeff Nelson & Scott Wesley Brown. © 1998 Universal Music. CCLI License #3220582.

<sup>4</sup>This new verse was written by Dani Kardisco.

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Exod. 23:16

St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

St. 2, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.

St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.

## Descant



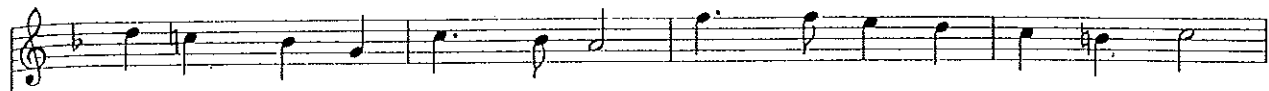
3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;



1 Come, O 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 you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;



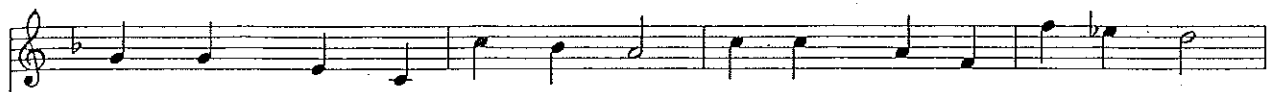
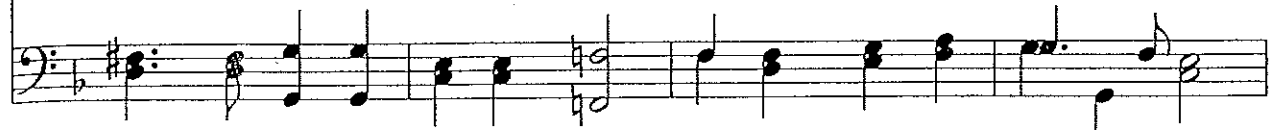
and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-enn praise.



all is safe-ly gath-ered in as the win-ter storms be-gin;

all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,

and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-enn praise.



Come, then, 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; Continued

All that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ter's o'er the smil-ing land, next

Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home; page . . .



HYMN #422 COME, O THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME continued....



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.



*This hymn represents the joining of two Thanksgiving hymns by nineteenth-century poet Henry Alford and eighteenth-century poet Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld. The creator of this combined form, which appeared early in the twentieth century.*

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.

*George J. Elvey, 1858*

*Descant: H. A. Chambers, 1931*



Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

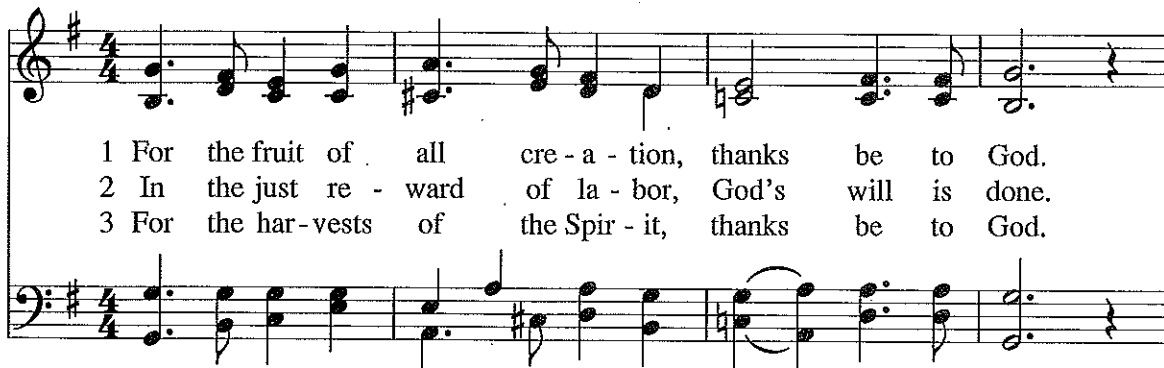
teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

*In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."*

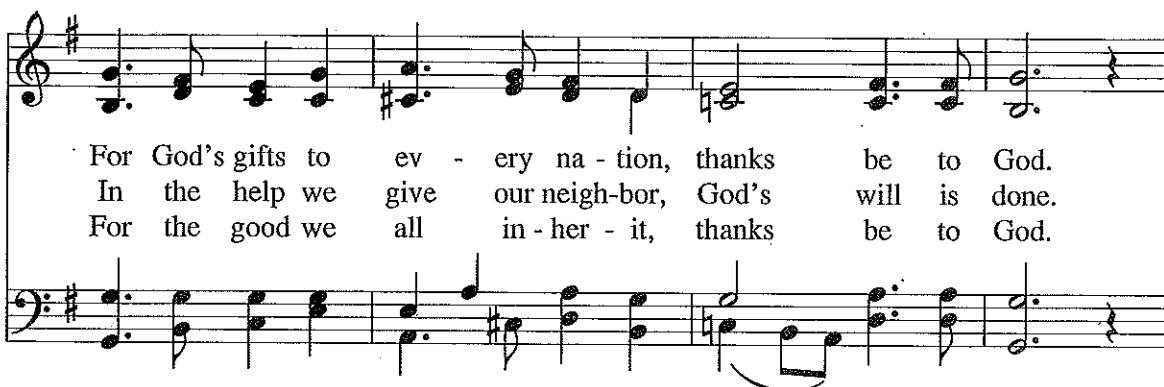
Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.  
 The Sacred Harp, 1844  
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

## For the Fruit of All Creation

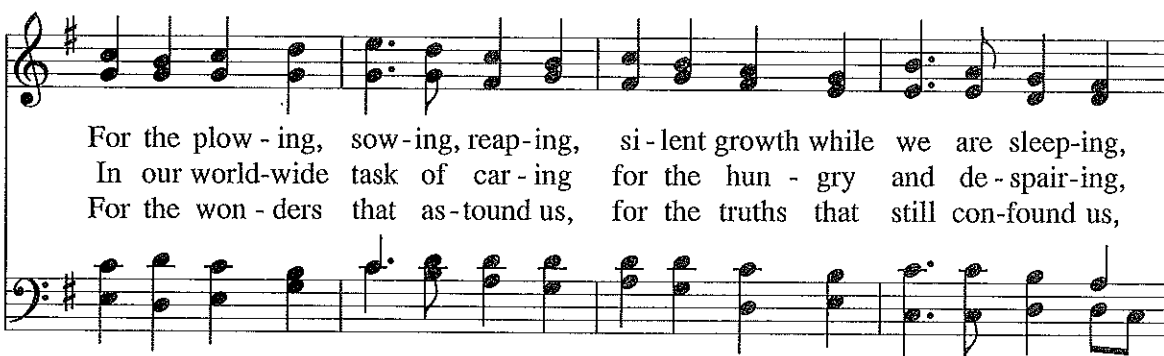
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*Fred Pratt Green, 1970*


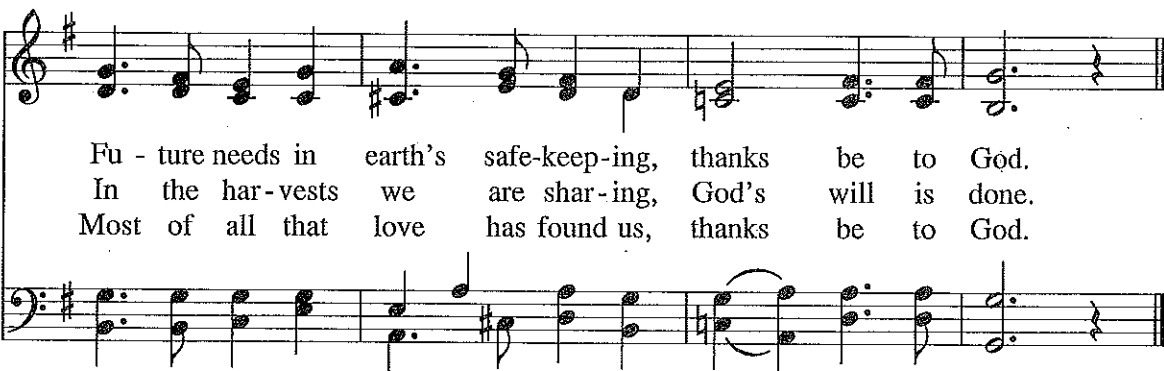
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*This text was written in response to a request for a new harvest hymn for an existing tune. After its publication in England in 1970, it became popular in many countries and can be found*

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.4.  
*Welsh traditional melody*  
 Musical Relicks of the Welsh Bards. Dublin. 1784