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Thanksgiving Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 AM

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 welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices 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! We pray God's blessing upon you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8:00 AM) **PRELUDE** (played by Denny Daugherty)

(10:30 AM) **PRAISE BAND PRELUDE** *We Give You Thanks*

Jordan, Leonard, Ingram¹

***CALL TO WORSHIP²**

Leader: Give thanks to our God, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to our God, call upon God's name!

People: Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

Leader: God blesses us with gifts of love,

People: With food and clothing, home and family.

Leader: God blesses us with daily work,

People: And all we need from day to day.

¹Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Leader: God protects us in time of danger,

People: And guards us from every evil.

Leader: God calls to us, and seeks a relationship with each one of us,

People: And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

Leader: Therefore we will offer thanks and praise to our Almighty God.

People: O God of all creation, we will give thanks to you forever.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 422** (black hymnal)

Come, O Thankful People, Come

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

ALL: Generous God, whose giving knows neither measure nor end, we confess that all too often we have kept our own hearts, hands, and minds firmly closed. Forgive us for those times when our own wants and wishes have filled the horizon to the exclusion of all else, and made us blind and deaf to the needs and concerns of others. Forgive us for those moments when the fear that sharing what we have will lead to our own impoverishment has kept us silent and still when those around us are in need. Forgive us for those situations when seeing only a problem, rather than daring to dream a solution, has left us fettered and powerless where we might have been building your Kingdom. Forgive us, O God. Help us to transcend self-centeredness, greed, and fear; and to always feel, think, and act as those who know the hope that is rooted in your generous giving. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 759 (black hymnal)

Gloria Patri

ALL SING: Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE

John 6: 24-35

MESSAGE

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

(8:00 AM) OFFERTORY (played by Denny Daugherty)

(10:30 AM) PRAISE BAND OFFERTORY

*One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)*⁴

Johnson, Riddle, Gifford

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 12 (v. 3)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ALL SING: On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glory known. The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne. All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care; wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 423** (black hymnal)*Great Is Your Faithfulness*BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

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²The call to worship was written by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel and originally posted on his website *Liturgy by TLW* at <http://www.liturgybytlw.com/>. It was access for this service on the *Re:Worship* website, where it was posted with permission for use in worship services at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/responsive-call-to-worship-for.html>. Accessed online November 18, 2019.

³The confession was originally posted on *Christian Aid's Weekly Prayers* website at <http://www.christianaid.org.uk>. It was accessed for this worship service at the *Re:Worship* website where it was shared with permission for use in worship services at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/07/prayer-of-confession-john-6-1-21.html>. Accessed online November 19, 2019.

⁴*One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails).* Johnson, Riddle, Gifford. © ChristaJoy 2010. Music Publishing. CCLI Song #550844. CCLI License # 3220582.

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Jeff & Nancy Sleeper's anniversary with love, from Drew, Danika, Holt, & Hayden Dallam.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all the volunteers of the tech team by Church Council.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Jack's 4th birthday by Mommy and Daddy (Vanessa & Braden Bicher).

Thank you to the Praise Band for participating in the 10:30 AM service today. The Praise Band members are Cora Beyer, Olivia Daugherty, Dani Kardisco, & Emily Schriver.

Thank you to Denny Daugherty for serving as our guest accompanist today.

Thank you to the Fall worship team for planning today's service. The worship team consists of Elaine Bevivino, Dave Firestone, Tammy Gordon, Matt Grimes, Emily Schriver, & Pastor Jeff.

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: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Jerry & Becky Hester; Don & Diane Strine

8 AM Sound Tech: Dave Beyer

8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Sara Shaffer, Melissa, Avery, & Delaney Shindler

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Joey Bevivino

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Tammy Gordon

WOW Kids: Kelly Grimm & Melody Stine

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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-emn 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-emn 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.

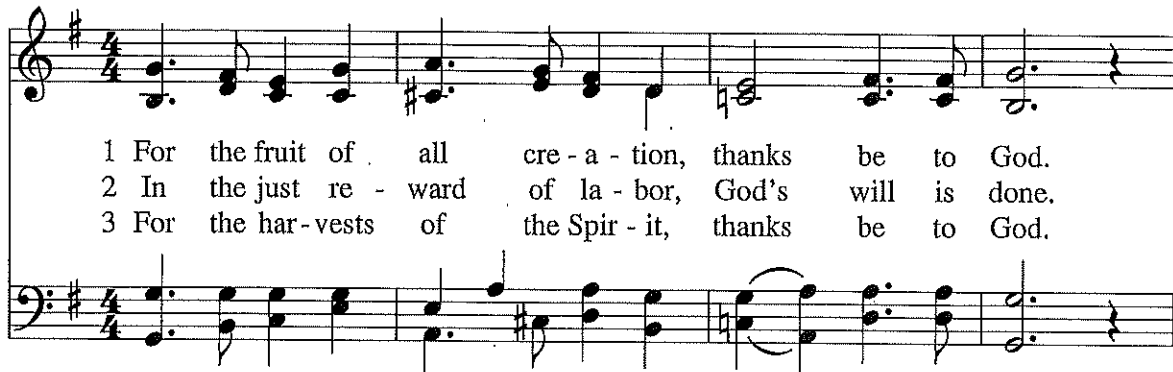


This hymn represents the joining of two Thanksgiving hymns by nineteenth-century poet Henry Alford and eighteenth-century poet Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld. The creator of this combined form, which appeared early in the twentieth century,

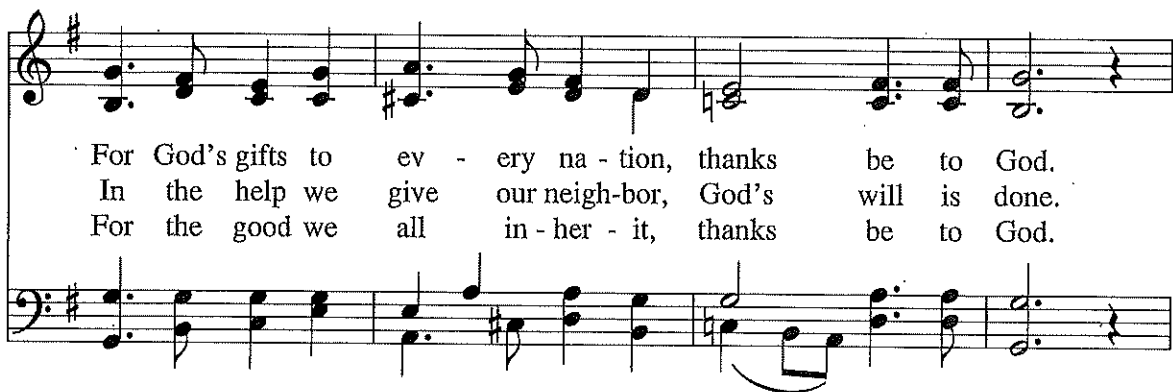
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George J. Elvey, 1858
Descant: H. A. Chambers, 1931

For the Fruit of All Creation

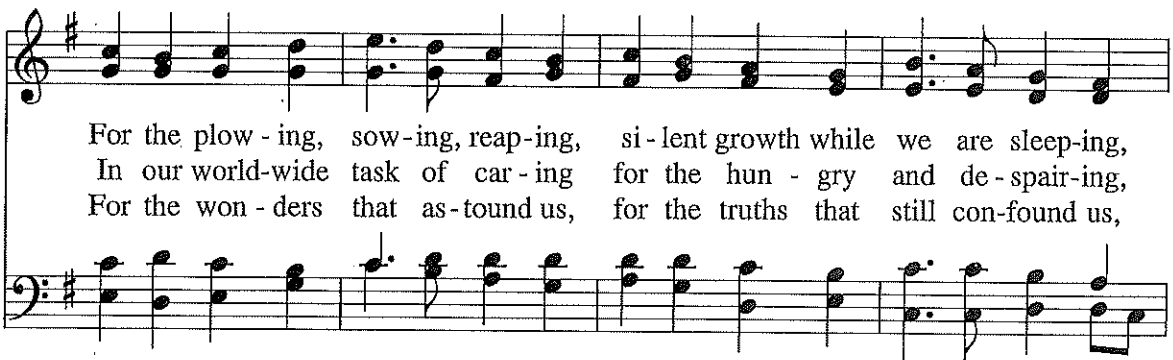
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Fred Pratt Green, 1970


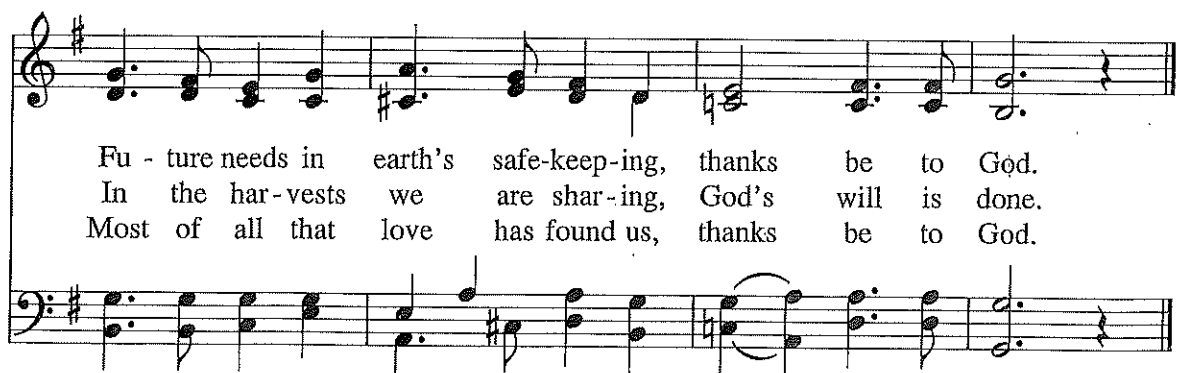
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



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 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.
Welsh traditional melody
 Musical Relicks of the Welsh Bards. Dublin. 1784

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain

Great is your faith - ful - ness! Great is your faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

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HYMN NO. 423 GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS continued

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your
hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10, with refrain
William M. Runyan, 1923

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