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HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

November 15, 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

- Bach/Fox

OPENING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now Thank we all our God
With heart, and hands, and voices.
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices.
Who from our mothers' arms
Hath blest us on our way.
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God,
the Father, now be given.
The Son, and Him who reigns
with them in highest heaven.
The One Eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Use the talents you possess; for silent would the forest be,
if the only birds that sang were those who sang the best.
(Paraphrase of quotation attributed to Henry Van Dyke)

GATHERING PRAYER

God of fall and winter, God of spring and summer, you know the seasons of our lives. Let the season of darkness and doubt pass away, that we may be reborn in your light. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4:1-7

Matthew 25:14-30

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sweet By and By"

Soloist: Patrick Clark; Pianist: Gary Sanders

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
One holy and universal Christian Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

(Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1662)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:6 "...The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

CLOSING HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

These to Thee, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow:
And for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Come, then, thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of Harvest Home.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

- Karg-Elert

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Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

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Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God's healing touch is of special comfort.