

# Order of Worship

## GRATITUDE SUNDAY

9:30 am – November 21, 2021

### *Participating Live?*

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

#### PRELUDE

*Bach BWV 557 Prelude*

Lance Crane, organ

#### WELCOME

Pastors

#### HYMN

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

UMH 694

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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.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;  
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

#### OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Ginny Dilworth

**God of love, we gather today to praise Your name, giving thanks for the ways that Your grace abounds. Your Spirit flows through our lives, empowering us to participate in Your work in the world. We are living channels of Your grace, and we bless You, O God, as we dedicate our full lives to Your service. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

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#### HYMN

*What Gift Can We Bring*

UMH 87

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What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise always, forever; we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Matt McPhee

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

**ANTHEM** *I Will Give Thanks* Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, choir director; Lance Crane, accompanist

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**SCRIPTURE** *Psalm 100: 1-5; Mark 12: 41-44 (NRSV)* Ginny Dilworth  
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** *Sharing God's Grace* Pastors

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**God of all Creation, everything that lives, moves, and has being finds its purpose in You. On this day of gratitude, we joyfully and fully render our whole lives to You and Your work of healing in the world. O God, may our lives be channels of Your steadfast love, poured out to all. Amen.**

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**HYMN** *Together We Serve* TFWS 2175  
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Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Bach BWV 557 Fugue* Lance Crane, organ

***Prayer Requests:***

South Pasadena: ReNew Mission—Pastor Sam Park

Burbank First UMC — Pastor Sam B. Kim

Jim Newton — fell and broken his arm (again)

Judy Marlett — breast cancer

***Opportunities for Reflection:***

*(please respond as soon as possible)*

**Grace & Gratitude Card #1: Inventory of God's Wonders**

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