

*Order of Worship*  
*TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*  
9:30 am – November 19, 2023

*Participating Live?*

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

**PRELUDE**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

arr. Mary McDonald

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Kyle Hanks, organ

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Fran Turner, liturgist

L: God visits the earth with abundance!

**P: Praise be to God for the blessings which enrich our lives.**

L: Make us stewards of your creation, sharing the abundance!

**P: Teach us to share and help others.**

L: We praise you for the gifts and ask your guidance in sharing them.

**P: Enter our hearts and fill us with the joy of sharing for we ask these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

Nancy C. Townley, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8523/new-worship-connection-thanksgiving-2017>

**OPENING HYMN**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

UMH 694

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1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 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.**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 17: 11-19 (NRSV)*  
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Fran Turner, liturgist

**A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN** (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

**PREPARATION HYMN**

*Heal Me, Hands of Jesus*

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1 Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain;  
Restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again.

2 Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;  
Let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

3 Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin;  
Dispel the memories of guilt and bring and bring me peace within.

4 Fill me, joy of Jesus; anxiety shall cease,  
And heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Cindy Huskey

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*We Thank Thee God*

arr. Clara Johnson & Kyle Hanks

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson, Director; Kyle Hanks, Piano

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We thank Thee, God, for all that You have given, for food and friends, for homes and love divine,  
For peace within our hearts and pasts forgiven, and for Thy grace which keeps us ever Thine.

For nature's joys, for falling leaf, and sparrow, for babbling brook; the passage of our lives,  
For vistas broad when hearts and minds are narrow, and for our faith that ever in You thrives.

For life and death, for planting and for harvest, the rising sun, the birth of something new,  
And in the setting of our final rest, O Lord, we give our spirits back to You.

We thank Thee, God, for all of nature's glories, for Thy great guidance in our joys and strife,  
That we may live to love and share Your stories, that we may find in You eternal life. Amen.

**COLLECTION OF PLEDGE CARDS**

*With Peals of Thanks and Praise*

by Douglas E. Wagner

VFUMC Bell Choir; Clara Johnson, Director

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**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Lord of abundance, we thank you for all you have given to us. We are mindful of the many blessings that pour into our lives today and every day of our lives. Ever-giving God, we have received so much from you and so we return a token of these gifts to you. you. Bless our offerings, O God. May these gifts bring hope and peace to the world this day. As we present our commitments today, may we be empowered to see these promises through. In all ways, make us your faithful disciples, showing Christ's light to the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

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## SENDING HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
3. 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.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Toccatina on "Nun Danket Alle Gott"*  
Kyle Hanks, organ

Kyle Hanks

### *Prayer Requests*

**Moorpark UMC—Pastor Kristi Smith**

**Grace Korean UMC—Church Leaders**

David Atkins

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.