



## Harvest Home/Reign of Christ Sunday

November 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.



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### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

Stephen Gabrielsen

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From different lives

**All: we come to worship!**

One: From good weeks and bad weeks

**All: we come to worship!**

One: Bringing great times and painful memories

**All: we come to worship!**

One: Needing comfort, needing peace, needing challenge

**All: we come to worship!**

One: With hope in our hearts

**All: we come to worship!**

\*GATHERING HYMN “Come, O Thankful People, Come” #422 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-2  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Come, O thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in as the winter storms begin;  
God our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield,  
All the fruits in full supply, ripened ‘neath the summer sky,  
All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o’er the smiling land,  
All that liberal autumn pours from its rich o’er-flowing stores.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

In the stopping, in the pausing, in the quiet, we cannot avoid what we are not:  
**Our faults, our lack of faith, our lack of vision and of action, our lack of trust,  
all bubble to the surface.**

You, Loving God, see who we are and still stand by us,  
**offering us hope and above all, forgiveness.**

*(Silent confession)*

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, receive God’s forgiveness. May God’s love set you free this day and always.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: “Come, O Thankful People, Come” v.3

**These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow;  
And for these our songs we 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.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM    "Song of Thanksgiving"    Kevin A. Memley

**LISTENING**

*God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING    Luke 23:33-43

Pew Bible pp.859-860

A Word of God that is still speaking,

**Thanks be to God!**

## SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” #304 *New Century Hymnal*  
*(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)*

**All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
 Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Christ servant of all.  
 Attend the Savior’s sovereign claim, and crown Christ servant of all.**

**Adorn, O martyred saints of old, the coronation hall;  
 Extol the wounded One foretold, and crown Christ bearer of all.  
 Extol the wounded One foretold, and crown Christ bearer of all.**

**All heirs of Israel’s chosen race, now ransomed from the fall,  
 Proclaim the wonders of God’s grace, and crown Christ healer of all.  
 Proclaim the wonders of God’s grace, and crown Christ healer of all.**

**Before the cross, with heaven’s throng, we on our knees shall fall;  
 We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Christ savior of all.  
 We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Christ savior of all.**

## RESPONDING

*We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.*

## NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER: “Jesus, Remember Me” (repeat)

*Taizé Community*

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## 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 "All Praise to the, Mu God" Paul Manz  
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
(tune: "Jesus Shall Reign")

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above the heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*COMMISSIONING HYMN "We Gather Together" #421 *New Century Hymnal*  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**We gather together to ask for God's blessing, to live in community, seeking God's will.  
We come now, as sisters and brothers, confessing,  
the sins that divide and the wrong in us still.**

**Beside us, forgiving, enabling, sustaining, you call us, O Savior, to life that is new.  
You draw us away from self-centered complaining.  
You lead us and guide us in ways that are true.**

**All praise to the Spirit, provider, defender. You offer us freedom, to follow or stray.  
Empowering all by the hope you engender. Grant wisdom and courage to follow your way.**

## \*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Johann Cruger; Arr. John A. Behnke

## SENDING

*With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.*

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### Worship Endnotes:

1. Adapted from John Leach (The Jubilate Group).
2. Adapted from [www.pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au).

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## SEASON OF SHARING – 2025



### **Lydia's House Holiday Gift Card Ministry - November 23 - December 14**

Lydia's House is a residential organization for women/mothers and children escaping domestic violence. Please consider donating a gift card from **Walmart, Aldi, Schnucks, Target, Old Navy or Amazon**. Please place your donations in the offering plates.

### **Lydia's House Pins – November 30 - December 21**

Colorful and festive pins will be sold for \$20.00 each, following the 10:30 service, in the Sanctuary Narthex. Proceeds benefit Lydia's House.

### **Heifer International – November 30 - December 21**

As an alternative to more “stuff,” give the gift that truly keeps giving! Heifer International provides a variety of animals to families in the USA and across the world, to help them establish a source of income. Donation cards can be given to friends or families indicating you “bought” a flock of chickens, honeybees or even a water buffalo in their honor! Please stop by the table in the narthex before or after the 10:30 service to get your Heifer donation cards.

### **Christmas Fund - December 21**

Formerly known as the ‘Veterans of the Cross.’ This fund helps provide supplemental monies for pension and health insurance premiums to low-income retirees. Envelopes for this annual United Church of Christ offering will be in your bulletins on December 21st.