



**St. Paul's United Church**  
**Thanksgiving Worship Service**  
**Sunday, October 10, 2021**  
**Minister:** Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam  
**Music Director:** Victoria Warwick  
**Tech Team:** Glenn Erwin, Alexis Danford,  
Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO THE GATHERED**

**OPENING HYMN:** "Come You Thankful People Come" VU#516  
Mormon Tabernacle Choir

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, God, quickly come to your final harvest-home!  
Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there forever purified, in your presence to abide:  
come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home.

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**



**SUNG RESPONSE:** "Bathe Me in Your Light" v. 1, MV 82  
Sung by Barbara Benson, Jane Smitham and Myrna Jones

Bathe me in your light, O God of all, Creator:  
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.  
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,  
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

**THEME CONVERSATION:**

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** "Grace and Thanksgiving" Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Matthew 6:25-33 read by Bruce Wilcox

**SERMON**

**REMINDER ABOUT GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Based on the "Tree of Gratitude" prayers of thanksgiving offered by the congregation in 2014. Read by Bruce Wilcox and Victoria Warwick

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Thanks be to God" sung by Sharon Foster

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Thank you to the Worship committee for decorating the chancel in the Sanctuary for this Thanksgiving worship service.



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**CORE VALUES**

- LOVING AND ENGAGING COMMUNITY
- DIVERSE AND OPEN SPIRITUALITY
- RESPECT FOR ALL CREATION

**MISSION STATEMENT**

TO BE AN OPEN, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY  
SEEKING SPIRITUALITY AND LOVING  
RELATIONSHIPS.