

**St. Paul's United Church
Thanksgiving Worship Service
Sunday, October 9, 2022**

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Singers: St Paul's Choir, Chet Valley Churches

Reader: Dan Donaldson

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin,
Gabriela & Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

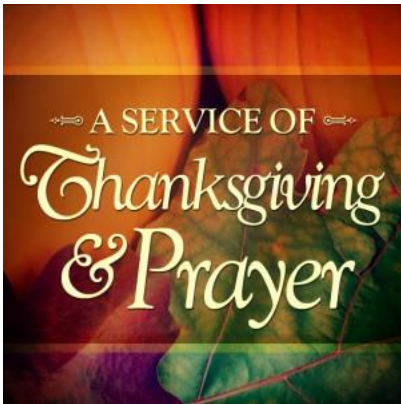


PRELUDE

**WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CALL TO THE GATHERED

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OPENING HYMN: "Come You Thankful People Come" VU#516

1. Come, you 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: read by Dan Donaldson, Written by Bill Steadman, Goulais River U.C. from
Gathering Pentecost 2 2022 pg. 44

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SUNG RESPONSE: "Bathe Me in Your Light" v. 1, MV 82

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: Creation video – We give God thanks for creation

SCRIPTURE READINGS: read by Luke 17:11-19 read by Dan Donaldson

ANTHEM: "Hymn of Grateful Praise" St. Paul's Choir

SERMON

OUR OFFERING IS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH AN OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER: Read by Dan Donaldson, *from Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada (UCPH, 2000)*

CLOSING HYMN: VU# 520 "We Plough the Fields" (video)

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Please remember that we are having our group photo immediately following the service. We would really appreciate having all of you in the picture. Please head up to the chancel area/choir loft when you see the closing slide during the postlude.



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.

