

STITTSVILLE UNITED: "Growing - Together - In Spirit"
Thanksgiving Sunday October 11, 2020

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Music to Prepare for Worship:

Invitation to Worship:

One: Psalm 95 invites us to "come into God's presence with thanksgiving!"

All: Let us lift our voices in thanks to God for each other.

One: We have many gifts from God which bless our lives.

All: Let us think of them and give thanks for them.

One: We remember there are many people in our world in need.

All: Let us pray for the courage and love to share our gifts.

One: This is a day for thanks and for giving.

All: May all of our actions show that we have an attitude of gratitude.

Gathering Prayer:

Today and every day, O God, we give you thanks. Thank you for this wonderful world you have created. Thank you for our own life, which comes from you. Thank you for our families where we share your gift of love. Thank you for our church, where we worship and grow in faith. As we are thankful, help us also to be giving as we share our blessings with others. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Welcome & Life and Ministry of the Church

WE SAY OUR THANKS TO GOD

Hymn: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" (v. 1) #516
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**1 Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!**

Scripture: Isaiah 12:4

Reflection: Saying Thankyou.

WE THINK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR

Hymn: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" (v. 2) #516
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**2 All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

Scripture: Philemon 4 & Ephesians 5:20

Reflection: We think about all we are thankful for.

WE OFFER GOD OUR THANKS IN PRAYER

Hymn: "Praise God for the Harvest" (v. 4) (Tune #223) #517

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**5 Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
from leaders and peoples, who struggle and serve
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.**

Scripture: Philippians 4:6

Reflection: We offer thanks in prayer.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Healing and Transformation

WE SHOW OUR THANKS BY WHAT WE DO

Hymn: "Praise God for the Harvest" (v. 1) (Tune #223) #517

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**1 Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.**

Scripture: Colossians 3:17

Reflection: We show our thanks by what we do.

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts: (2 Corinthians 9:11)

Song of Dedication: (vs. 3) #218

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**With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise! Amen.**

Prayer Dedicating Our Gifts to God:

WE GO TO SHARE OUR BLESSINGS

Hymn: "We Plough The Fields and Scatter" #520

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**1 We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.**

Chorus:

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.**

**2 You only are the maker of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children, you give us daily bread.**

**3 We thank you then, O Maker, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
and what from us you long for, our humble, thankful hearts.**

Commissioning and Benediction:

Departing Song: (#579 (VU) Verse 2)

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**The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.**

Music To Inspire Us As We Go: "