



*"Your* **faith** *has made you well."*

**Luke 17:19**

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## The Order of Worship

November 24, 2024

*"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Ministry Team, Rev. Gene Van Galder and Rev. Dan Herman

### **PRELUDE (Please allow the gift of music to help prepare you for worship.)**

Voluntary on THE OLD ONE HUNDREDTH (the Doxology)

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Henry Purcell

"Now Thank We All Our God," melody by Johann Krüger,

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### **WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*GATHERING SONG 285** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" st. 1 & 2

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.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield.  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto 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.

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: When leaders disappoint and fail us,

**Congregation: turn to Christ, who is always faithful.**

Pastor: When deceitful words appeal to our baser instincts,

**Congregation: hearken to Christ and the clarion call**

Pastor: of our better angels.

**Congregation: When charlatans seek our allegiance,**

Pastor: hold fast to Christ, our rightful Lord and King.

#### **\*INVOCATION**

Sovereign God, you clothe your people in the garments of salvation, and you bless them with grace and peace. Open our eyes to the glory of your Son, who comes to rule with justice and reign with righteousness. Open our

ears to the sound of his voice, and open our hearts to love as he loves, that we might shine like dew on the grass and dwell in Christ's peace.

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 552 "We Gather Together"**

### **RECEIVING THE OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING HYMN 438 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

**We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift be:  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus, As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give. Amen.**

### **\*DEDICATION OF GIFTS**

**Strong One of Israel, you bless our lives with splendor: sunlight sparkling on the water, dew on the grass, trees etched against the night sky. May our gifts and offerings reflect our gratitude for the wonder you bring to our lives. And may those who receive these gifts come to know your bounty and the glory of your kingdom. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC "A Jubilant Song"**  
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**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 17: 11-19

Bible NT p. 46

### **MESSAGE**

**"And I Give Thanks"**  
Rev. Gene Van Galder

**\*HYMN 283 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** Three-Fold Amen

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 157  
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Dietrich Buxtehude

**A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**– Join us for **Coffee after Church**: Stay for a bit and get to know one another better after church this morning!

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preaching .....	Rev. Gene Van Galder
Organist & Music Director.....	Max Yount

**MISSION OF THE MONTH: Caritas** is our November mission. You can support them by contributing either money or products: groceries, baby diapers and needs, and personal hygiene items can be brought to church and left in the narthex. Be sure to mark your financial gifts to Caritas.

**HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?** Sign up to bring treats for Coffee After Church! It may seem small, but staying after church to get to know people is a pretty important thing to do. Look for the sign-up sheet is in the narthex: baked or bought are equally delicious.

**BE AN EVANGELIST FOR GOD'S WORK!** If you are strengthened by your faith in God, find guidance by the stories of Jesus, and built up by your church attendance you need to share that with others who need what you have! Mention our church, especially to people who may be struggling, and invite them to join you on Sunday!