

# A JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GIFTS

Thanksgiving Day  
November 26, 2020



To be grateful is to recognize  
the Love of God  
in everything God has given us —  
and God has given us everything.

~ *Thomas Merton*

Music for Gathering

Charles Callahan

*Fanfare on ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR*

Welcome

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Call to Celebration – from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
You have made us and we are yours;  
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.  
Go through the gates with thanksgiving,  
and into the courts with praise.  
Give thanks and bless God's name.  
For the Lord is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn of Praise

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in ere 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.  
We ourselves are 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.  
Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;  
gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;  
come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

The Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

A Word of Thanksgiving

A Time to Remember

Carol Harston and Perry Dixon

The names of births and deaths in our Highland community since Thanksgiving 2019 will be read.

*A Grateful Heart*

TALLIS' CANON

**A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.  
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.**

Remembering

Carol Harston

*Share with us one person, place, or object for which you are grateful.*

Highland's Gift to Habitat for Humanity

Jim McBee

Offertory Prayer

Sam Newland

*The Thanksgiving offering helps build our Baptist House  
for a family in need with Habitat for Humanity.*

Doxology

TALLIS' CANON

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

This Day We Say Grateful

Jan Richardson

*A Sending Blessing*  
Highland Staff

Postlude

Charles Callahan

*Thanksgiving*

*The beautiful decorations on the Communion Table in the Commons  
were provided and arranged by Phyllis and Chet Watson.*

