

**The Community Church
Harrington Park, New Jersey
50th Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

Order of Worship

November 21, 2023 7:30 PM

PRELUDE "Worthy Is the Lamb" Darlene Zscech
Ms. Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME The Rev. Steve Sayer

CHORAL INTROIT

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 65

Leader: By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

People: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Leader: You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide the people with grain for so You have prepared it.

People: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

Leader: You crown the year with Your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

People: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

*HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #797

CONFESSING OUR SINS TOGETHER (unison)

We're surrounded by Your goodness and generosity, God. It flows into, through, and all around our lives. We don't necessarily remember that, though. We should be stunned by Your generosity, but we're kind of blasé about it. We should be awed by Your goodness, but it seems so commonplace. And so, we confess our lack of gratitude. Holy Spirit, open our eyes to the Divine bounty that surrounds us. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS from Psalm 86

Leader: You, O Lord, are good and forgiving

People: Abounding in steadfast love to all who call on You.

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE from Colossians 3:15

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

People: And be thankful.

COMBINED CHOIRS "Songs of Thanksgiving" Chuck Bridwell
under the direction of Ms. Amy Duran

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Deuteronomy 8:7-18 p. 165 (OT)

MESSAGE "Vice Versa" Paster Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING FOR THE BENEFIT OF
THE NORWOOD FOOD PANTRY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" #793

*BENEDICTION Pastor Sayer

*POSTLUDE "Lord of the Dance" arr. Joel Raney

Welcome to the Community Church in Harrington Park!

We are glad you are here today. Here are a few things that might be helpful to you.

Large print hymnals are available, as well as hearing assistive devices. Please speak to an usher.

Restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the main hallway opposite the office.

It would be a big help to us if you would either fill out one of the white pew cards in front of you and place it in the offering plate or sign the guest book on your way out.

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**“I will praise God’s
name in song and
glorify him with
thanksgiving.”**





A Special Thanks to:

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Deacon Al McLaughlin
Debbie Gregory-Fink
Ms. Amy Duran

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