

***ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH***  
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51st Ecumenical Community  
Thanksgiving Service  
November 26, 2024



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*“...Now send us out to do the work you have given us to do...”*  
(Book of Common Prayer)

We warmly welcome everyone to this greater community of praise. We wish you and those you love a blessed Thanksgiving.

**51<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service**  
**November 26, 2024**  
**7:00PM**

**Prelude**

***The Rejoicing***

***Charles Callahan***

**Hymn in Procession**

***We Gather Together***

***Kremser***

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
the Lord was at our side- the glory be Thine!

3 We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free

**Welcome and Invocation**

**Rev. Beverly Huck**

Leader: Come, all who gather this day from many places and backgrounds, come with thankful hearts and open spirits.

***People: We come together, united by gratitude, for God's faithful love endures forever.***

Leader: For the blessings of the earth, the fruits of the harvest, and the hands that have tended them, we give thanks.

***People: We praise You, O God, for Your abundance and care. Your mercy is new every morning!***

Leader: For the diversity among us, for traditions and gifts that reveal Your work in many ways, we give thanks.

***People: We rejoice in our differences, for in God we are one body, one family of faith.***

Leader: Let us join our voices as one, lifting praise to the God who created and sustains us, who gathers us in grace and leads us with love.

***All: With grateful hearts, we enter Your presence, O Lord. Receive our worship, and may our unity honor You. Amen.***

Gracious God, we give You thanks for blessings beyond counting: for this land of surpassing beauty, of mountains and meadows, majestic rivers and mountain streams. We thank You for those who have gone before us, who have prepared the way and paid the price.

We pray for Native Americans who were displaced, betrayed, yet whose proud heritage and unyielding spirit live on. We remember those who had no choice in coming here – the Africans stolen, bought, sold, arriving on a nightmare. We thank you not just for the first Pilgrims, but for all the brave travelers before and since – the Asian, the Spanish, the Jew, the Catholic, the Muslim, the Protestant, the French, the Greek, the Irish, the Rabbi, the Priest, the Imam, the Preacher.

We thank You for those who with incredible courage left known lands and family and came to build new lives in a new land. We thank you for those who still come, beckoned by the dream, drawn by the hope that is at the heart of our nation. We thank You for all who bring their own rich gifts to the rich diversity of this land.

We especially remember all of those who do not have enough, who are afraid, who are lonely, and who suffer. We wish for the abundance of this world to be shared, for fear to become love, for the lonely to feel welcomed, and for the suffering to know rest and joy. For beauty and bounty, for healing and hope, we lift our voices in praise and ask you Gracious God for you to dwell with us now and always. Amen.

*– adaptation of Maya Angelou's prayer*

## **The Proclamation *By the President of the United States of America.***

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln  
William H. Seward,  
Secretary of State

### **A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

**Joel 2: 21-27**

<sup>21</sup> Do not be afraid, land of Judah;  
be glad and rejoice.

Surely the Lord has done great things!

<sup>22</sup> Do not be afraid, you wild animals,  
for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.

The trees are bearing their fruit;  
the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

<sup>23</sup> Be glad, people of Zion,  
rejoice in the Lord your God,  
for he has given you the autumn rains  
because he is faithful.

He sends you abundant showers,  
both autumn and spring rains, as before.

<sup>24</sup> The threshing floors will be filled with grain;  
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

<sup>25</sup> "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—  
the great locust and the young locust,  
the other locusts and the locust swarm<sup>[a]</sup>—  
my great army that I sent among you.

<sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,  
and you will praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has worked wonders for you;  
never again will my people be shamed.

<sup>27</sup> Then you will know that I am in Israel,  
that I am the Lord your God,  
and that there is no other;  
never again will my people be shamed.

1 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.

2 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:  
 Grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
 Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,  
 And shall take His harvest home;  
 From His field shall in that day  
 All offences purge away;  
 Give His angels charge at last  
 In the fire the tares to cast;  
 But the fruitful ears to store  
 In His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come  
 To 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.

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 6: 25-33**

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life<sup>[a]</sup>?"

<sup>28</sup> "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Homily

Very Thankful

Pastor Waldis

Anthem

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*John Rutter*

### Litany of Thanksgiving

#### ***A Litany of Thanksgiving***

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

*(Please respond to each petition as shown in the italicized words.)*

Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing your holy image,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, our friends and neighbors,"

***We thank you, Lord.***

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve

***We thank you, Lord.***

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

***We thank you, Lord.***

Holy God, we thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

***We thank you, Lord.***

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

***We thank you, Lord.***

*(There will now be a time in which the people may offer their own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

***(ALL) Loving God, Grant us the gift of your indwelling Spirit, that we may know You and proclaim your Name and your works through our lives, Help us to continue in faith the work you have begun in each of us. Strengthen***

***our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty, crime, fear and oppression. Be with us, stay with us, for we can do nothing without You. All this we ask for the sake of your love. AMEN.***

**Exchange of Peace**

**Rev. Huck**

**Announcements**

**Rev. Huck**

**Offertory Hymn**

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

**Ode to Joy**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround You,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around You,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising You eternally!

3 Always giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,  
Let Your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
Joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

**Presentation of Gifts**

***The Doxology***

***Old 100<sup>th</sup>***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

## **Prayer of Peace**

**Rev. Waldis**

### ***Closing Hymn***

### ***Now Thank We All Our God***

### ***Nun Danket Wir***

1 Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God  
The Father, now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

## **Postlude**

### ***Now Thank We All Our God***

***J.S. Bach/Virgil Fox***



## Upcoming Events

@ St. Luke's Church – 43 Massachusetts Ave., Haworth

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pet Photo Shoot**

Saturday, December 7 from 9am to 4pm

You can book your appointment at

<https://www.signupgenious.com/.../10COE45A5A922A5F5C43...>

to have your pet photographed for the holidays.

\$10 donation to Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge, Inc.

@ St. Andrew's Church – 31 Lynn St., Harrington Park

### ***Acoustic Rosewood* concert**

Saturday, December at 7pm

Come enjoy an acoustic guitar duo playing the music of the 60's to today --  
Bluegrass, Gospel, Country, Oldies, Americana....

Tickets are \$20 at the door

@ Community Church – 1 Spring St., Harrington Park

### **Ramsey Wind Symphony concert in Sanctuary**

Sunday, December 15 at 4pm

@ Community Church

### **Annual Christmas Musicale**

Sunday, December 22 at 10am

@ St. Andrew's Church

### **Monthly Crafter's Day**

Saturday, December 28 from 10am to 4pm

Open House crafting event --Bring your own craft to work on  
Please bring an item for the Wholesome Pantry

### **Candlelight Christmas Eve Services**

5pm @ St. Luke's

6pm @ St. Andrew's

7pm & 11pm @ Community Church

Check Our Lady of Victories website for times



*“Now thank we all our God!”*