

**The Community Church
Harrington Park, New Jersey
52nd Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

Order of Worship

November 23, 2025

7:30 PM

PRELUDE "Give Thanks" Mary McDonald
Ms. Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

WELCOME Pastor Zach Waldis

CHORAL INTROIT

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 126
Deacon Thomas F. Lagatol III

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them".

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

People: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

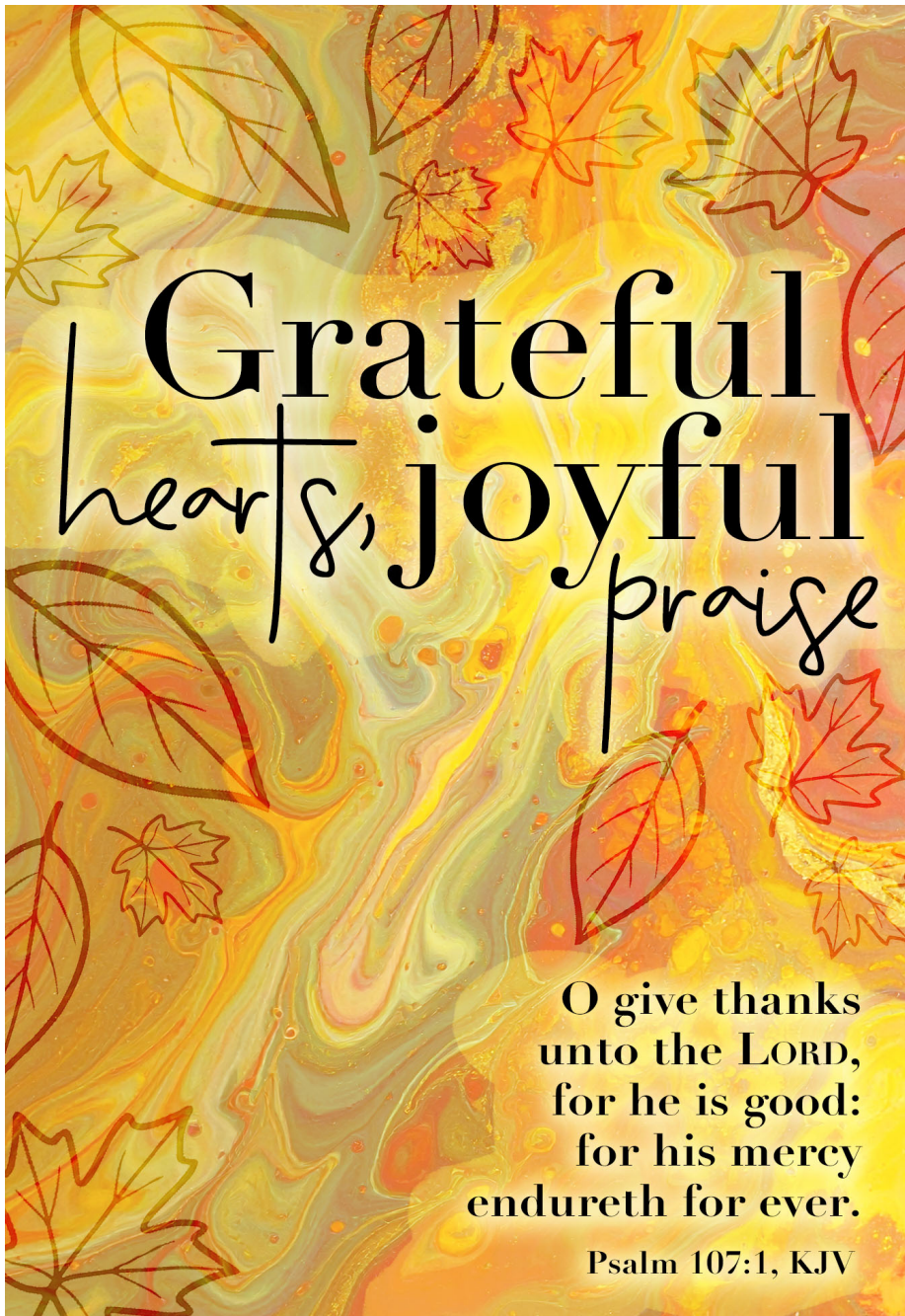
Leader: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

People: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*HYMN "We Gather Together" #790

*ECUMENICAL CONFESSION (unison) The Apostles' Creed
Les Cox

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



COMBINED CHOIRS "A New Thanksgiving" arr. Kremser
under the direction of Ms. Amy Duran

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS 1 Chronicles 16:31-36 p. 376 (OT)
1 Thessalonians 5:12-19 p. 205 (NT)

MESSAGE "Always Thankful" Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Our offering this evening will be donated to the WholeSum
Pantry of Norwood, NJ. Particularly in these difficult economic
times, and as we begin to experience the cold of winter, please
be as generous as you can.

*DOXOLOGY #815

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" #788

*BENEDICTION Father Jason Mantich

CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hustad/Smith
Ms. Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

*Enjoy fellowship with your neighbors over refreshments in the
Johnson Chapel following this Thanksgiving service.*



The Rev. Zach Waldis	Pastor, Community Church
Ms. Amy Duran	Music Director, Community Church
Mr. Les Cox	Vice President, Community Church
Fr. Jason Mantich	Pastor, Our Lady Mother of the Church
Deacon Thomas F. Lagatol III	Our Lady of Victories R.C. Church
Ms. Amy Szurly	St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Our thanks are extended to all who shared in this service.

A Very Happy Thanksgiving To All!

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