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TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
NOVEMBER 22 2023  
THANKSGIVING EVE



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## Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag. For more information contact us at [www.zionanoka.org](http://www.zionanoka.org).

PREACHING: Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING: Pastor Brent Campbell & Pastor Sue Wallager

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE

## GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

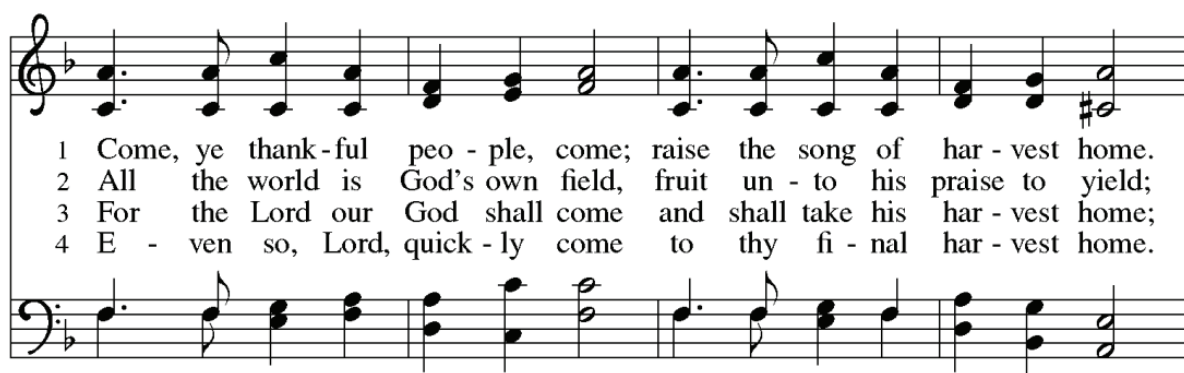
CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 65):

Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines,  
**let's praise God together!**

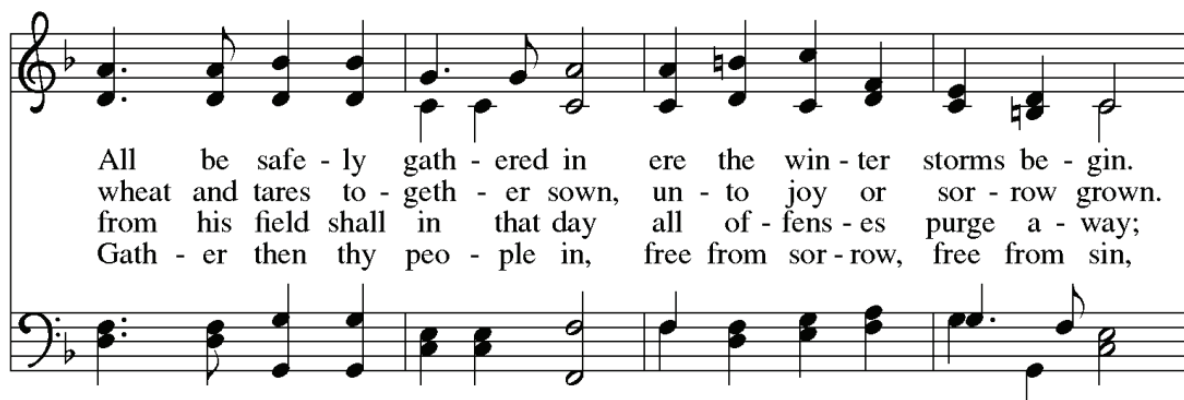
For listening when we call, answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes, and providing what we need:

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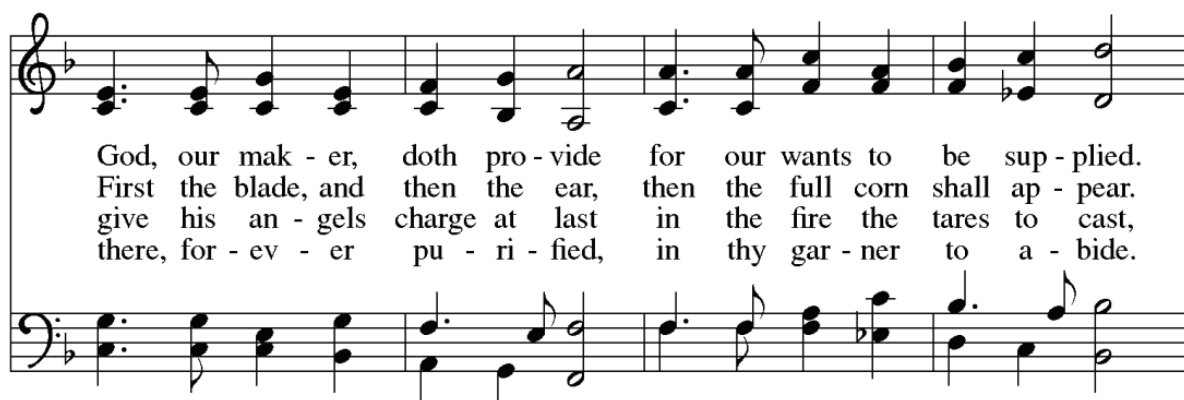
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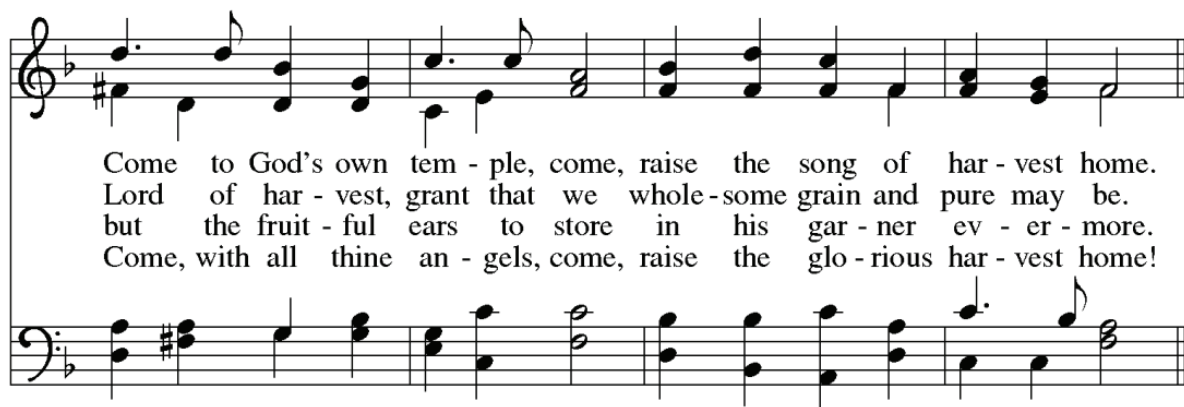
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### WORD FOR KIDS

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



### THE SERMON TEXT:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 17:11-19

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

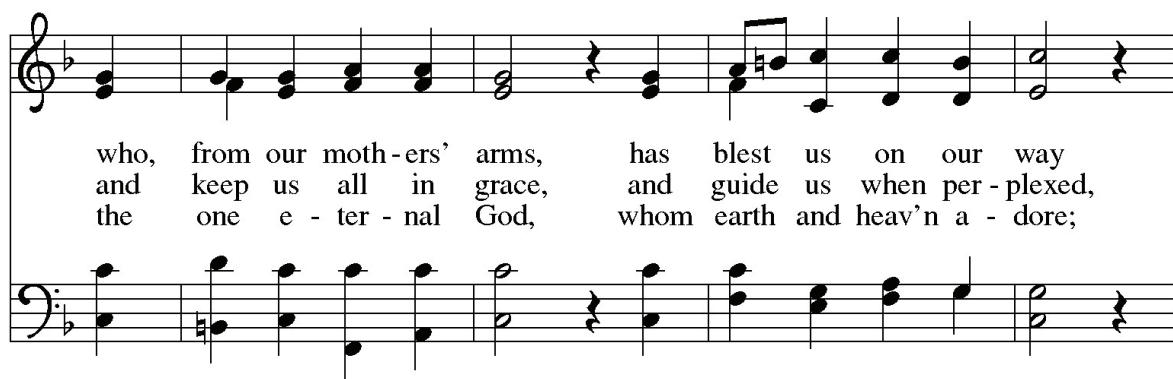
THE SERMON: *"Returning Thanks"* by Pastor Connie Tiede



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## LITANY OF GRATITUDE

Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day and year by year,  
**We give you our thanks.**

For the simple pleasures of life:  
for garden harvests, coffee conversation, and familiar surroundings,  
for health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life,  
for needs met and desires fulfilled,  
**We give you our thanks.**

For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit,  
for homes which supply shelter, which nurture order and beauty, and offer hospitality,  
**We give you our thanks.**

With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven,  
with enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life,  
with music which declares your everlasting goodness,  
with prayers for mutual understanding and peace,  
**We worship you with joy.**

With creative pursuits which contribute our God-given talents,  
with words which honor you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit,  
with time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and community,  
with years committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ,  
**We worship you with joy.**

With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves,  
with deeds done in service of neighbor and stranger,  
with holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace,  
with family and friends distant and nearby,  
**We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit.**  
**Alleluia. Amen.**

## OFFERING OF GIFTS AND FOOD

### SPECIAL MUSIC:

“Now Thank We All Our God,”.....arr. Bach  
Zion Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, organ

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
*Refrain*  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God, bless these gifts and abide in our hearts so that our gifts and our actions may live out our faith, glorify God, and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

## BENEDICTION:

The blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit strengthen and encourage you as you go out from here to live lives of gratitude and service.

**Amen.**

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



WE WELCOME YOU  
TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance  
Units Available

*Hearing assistance units  
are available at the  
sound booth at the  
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the  
sanctuary where a wheel-  
chair or walker will fit.  
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-  
able outside the sanctu-  
ary. We have two "pray  
grounds" in the sanctuary  
with plenty of places just  
outside the sanctuary as  
well where children can  
sit and play.*

LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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## REMINDER - CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday and Friday. If you have a pastoral need, please call the main church number (763-421-4656) and the answering service will connect you to the pastor on call.

## ACBC FOOD SHELF

Thank you to all those who donated to the ACBC Food Shelf.

## ENCOURAGING WORDS

Start each day with encouraging words from Zion! Dial 763-506-8191 to hear a daily message of encouragement and hope.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a celebration or concern you would like the prayer team to include in their prayers, please email it to Pastor Sue at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

## MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Matthew Bag Ministry. We continue to accept donations throughout the year. In addition Matthew Bags are available, at the Welcome Desk, for you to pick up to give to a needy person that you encounter. Each bag contains water, food bars, personal hygiene items and socks.

## MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT

763-710-2209

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click on "GIVE TODAY"

