

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Tis the Gift to be Simple
American Shaker Melody; Michel Larkin, arr.

Mark Gourley

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mark Gourley

WELCOME

Drew Herring

PRELUDE

For the Fruit of All Creation
(*AR HYD Y NOS*) Welsh Melody; Jane Holstein, arr.

Lynne Booker, piano
Mark Gourley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Clatterbuck

Almighty God is the great creator of all goodness, the generous hand that breathed beauty and life into all things.

We find riches in cherishing God's beautiful world all around us.

God's great blessing to each of us, is the gift of all his sons and daughters gifted into our life.

We find abundance in holding close the ones we love.

God's greatest gift is the gift of God's very self. For we believe that God is not distant and apart from us, but God's love finds us, holds us, and never leaves us.

We find peace in drawing near to God, no matter the storm.

Holy Spirit, move among us, Amen.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jennifer Clatterbuck

MUSIC MEDITATION

I Thank You, Lord
MaryKay Beall

Lynne Booker, piano
Mark Gourley, organ

**I thank You, Lord, for each new day, for meadows white with dew,
for the sun's warm hand upon the earth, for skies of endless blue,
for fruit and flower, for lamb and leaf, for every bird that sings,
with grateful heart I thank You, Lord, for all these simple things.**

**I thank You, Lord, for hand and heart to offer up Your Praise.
I thank You, Lord, for tongue to speak of all Your loving ways.
For health and strength, for work and play, for loved ones far and near,
with grateful heart I thank You, Lord, for all that I hold dear.**

PRAYERS

Skyler Daniel

SERMON

"The Cycle of Abundance"
2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Drew Herring

HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Women's Ensemble

**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.**

**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 whole-some grain and pure may be.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Donna Hatchett

RESPONSE

For the Fruit of All Creation

Woman's Ensemble*

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For His gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION (standing)

POSTLUDE

Recessional on KREMSER
(We Gather Together) Gordon Young

Mark Gourley

* Peggy Cotta, Nancy Dalton, Ronella Daniel, Kathy Harville

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