# MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 20, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Harvest Festival

### Welcome and Greeting

**Prelude:** "Simple Gifts" (arr. Barbara J. Boertje)

**Opening Sentences** 

Hymn 283: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (arr. Benjamin Harlan and Gary Hallquist)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology (Hymn 563)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Sermon: "A HARVEST OF THANKS"

**Hymn 8:** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams) (The congregation joins the choir on Verses 1, 2, and 5; watch for cues)

#### Benediction

### Benediction Response Hymn 578 (v. 2): "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

With praise and thanksgiving to You ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing Your children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us; with Your light now lead us. Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

#### Greet One Another

<u>Participants</u>: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Gail Sawyer, Chancel Choir, Mayflower Ringers, Jamie Keller, Kim Finison

### Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinckart, 1586-1649 Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878 1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and Through 2. O may this boun-teous God all our life be 3. All God The Fa - ther now praise and thanks he Who won - drous things voic hath done. In es, With And ful hearts near us. ev er ioy The With giv en, Son. and Him who reigns whom His world joic Who, from our moth - ers' re es, bless - ed peace cheer And keep us in His to us. high heav The them in est one ter - nal en. e Hath blessed us With way arms, on our And And guide when plexed, grace, us per God, Whom earth and heav'n For a dore,

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God('s)" or "You(r)." Third verse: "The Son and Spirit reign, with God"

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Eternal God, high and lifted up and yet within us all, we come, having spent too much time with our heads down, and now have the need to be lifted up.

Let us be lifted to a spirit of adoration, that we may see in life all that is beautiful and good, excellent and of good report; that the ugliness and disillusionment of life may not cause us to be blind to Your love of life.

Lift us up to a spirit of confession.

Forgive us the sins that hurt not just ourselves but those countless people, near and far, for whom Your justice is unspoken,

Your kindness is not given,

Your healing is withheld by human neglect.

Lift us up to a spirit of thanksgiving.

Quicken our sense of gratitude for Your lavish heart,
Your gentle hand, Your strong word, Your quiet grace.
Recall to us the homes that have nourished us,
the friends who bless us,
the social securities which we enjoy,
the great books, great music, and great art
that have inspired our own creativity.

Lift us up to a spirit of intercession.

Save us from the narrowness of our sympathies.

Keep us from our constant provinciality.

Teach us afresh that our sins are often poison to this world.

Widen the borders of our care,

for the sake of our work on behalf of those

who carry burdens far too great for us to imagine,

and who find it difficult to be thankful

in absence of the common things of life—

food, shelter, clothing, and a sense of safety,

as well as the greater things of life—

justice, war, righteousness, healing, and peace.

Make real to us anew Him who loved us and gave Himself for us: even Jesus Christ, for whom our thanksgiving is never-ending. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



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