



November 12, 2023 • 9 a.m.
Gratitude Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD *African American Spiritual*

OPENING SONG COME, O THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME *“St. George’s Windsor”*
(see pages 4 & 5)

WELCOME Seth Patterson

FELLOWSHIP JOY

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE Jane, Peter, and Toby Eichten

SUNG RESPONSE SIMPLE GIFTS *Shaker tune*
(see pages 6 & 7)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7–15

MESSAGE AN INDESCRIBABLE GIFT DeWayne L. Davis

CALL TO COMMITMENT

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: For every mountain you brought us over; for every trial you've seen us through, to bring us to this moment:

***All:* We dedicate our gifts to You, Spirit of Love.**

One: For the opportunities you've afforded us to seek and serve God and our neighbors within, among, and beyond ourselves:

***All:* We dedicate our gifts to You, Spirit of Mercy.**

One: For the growth all around us—all the possibilities of next year—the new people who will sit in these pews, the new programs through which we will reach out, the service we will render to all God's children, and the kindling of our moral imagination to be the church our community needs:

***All:* We dedicate our gifts to You, Spirit of Abundance.**

One: For the nurture of this beloved community, the vibrant worship that sets our spirits free, the arts and music that feed our souls, the anointing that drives our pursuit of justice, and the grace of songs, prayers, and proclamation that blesses our going out and coming in:

***All:* We dedicate our gifts to You, Spirit of Generosity.**

One: All these gifts we sow wishfully and prayerfully that grace may flow through us to all the world.

***All:* We give you thanks and praise for so many blessings and dedicate these gifts to You, O God. Amen.**

OFFERING

AMAZING GRACE

"New Britain"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beth Hoffman Faeth

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tender, loving God, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

THE GRACE OF GOD
(see page 8)

"O Waly, Waly"

BLESSING

As the postlude is played, you are welcome to leave the sanctuary or stay and enjoy the music.

POSTLUDE

IF I HAD A HAMMER *Pete Seeger and Lee Hays*



PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES that we are on the sacred traditional territory of the Dakota people. It is an honor to live, pray, seek justice, and create community alongside Dakota, Ojibwe, and other Indigenous people in the Twin Cities.

MANY AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUALS AND HYMNS were never credited to their creators or were claimed by other individuals. When Plymouth Congregational Church uses music or music texts created by people who were kept in chattel slavery, we will donate to a historically Black institution as a reparative action in honor of the creators and their descendants.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Bud and Fern Friskey by their daughters, Martha Van Hemert, Marilyn Mahmud, Maureen Tanis, and families.

Come, O Thankful People, Come


Exod. 23:16

St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

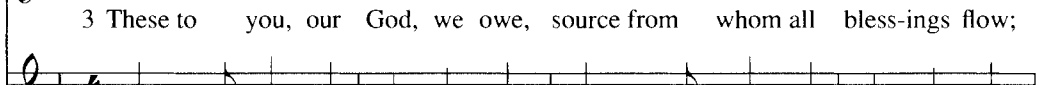
St. 2, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.

St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.

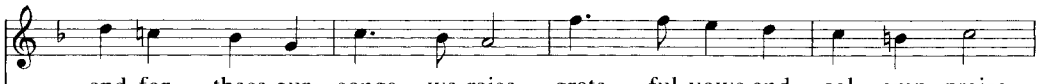
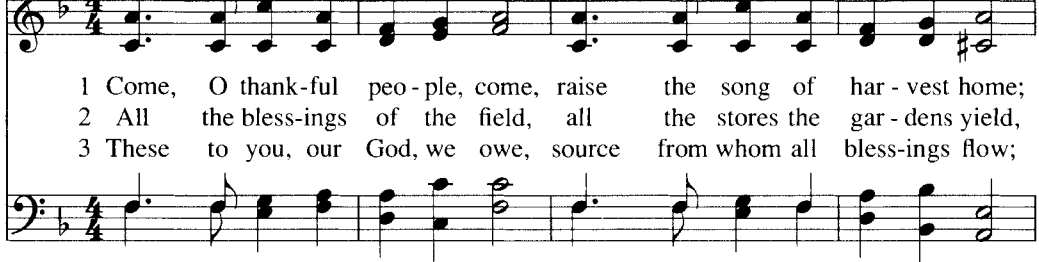
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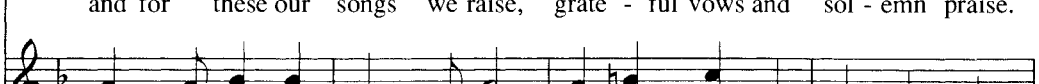
3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow;




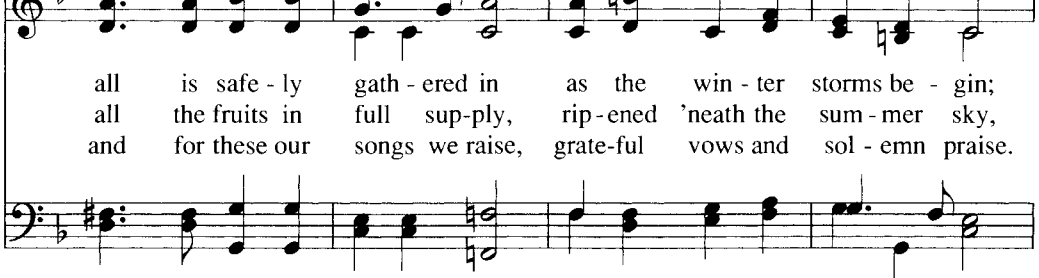
1 Come, O thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
2 All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,
3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;



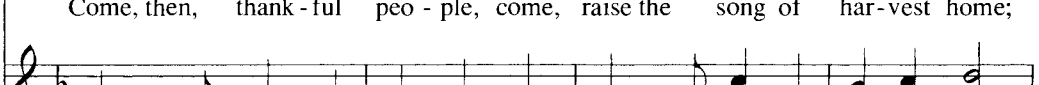
and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise.



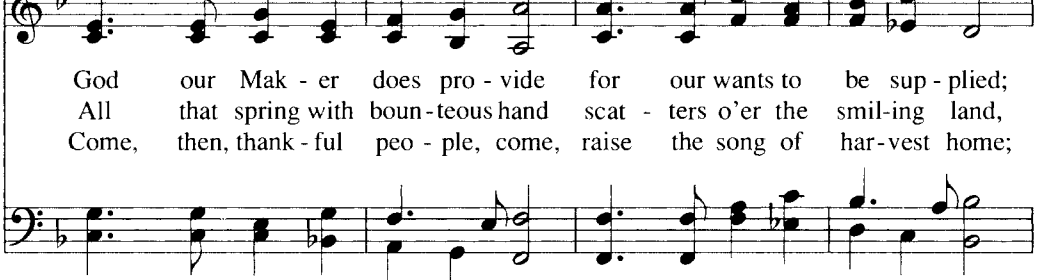
all is safe-ly gath-ered in as the win-ter storms be-gin;
all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,
and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-emn praise.

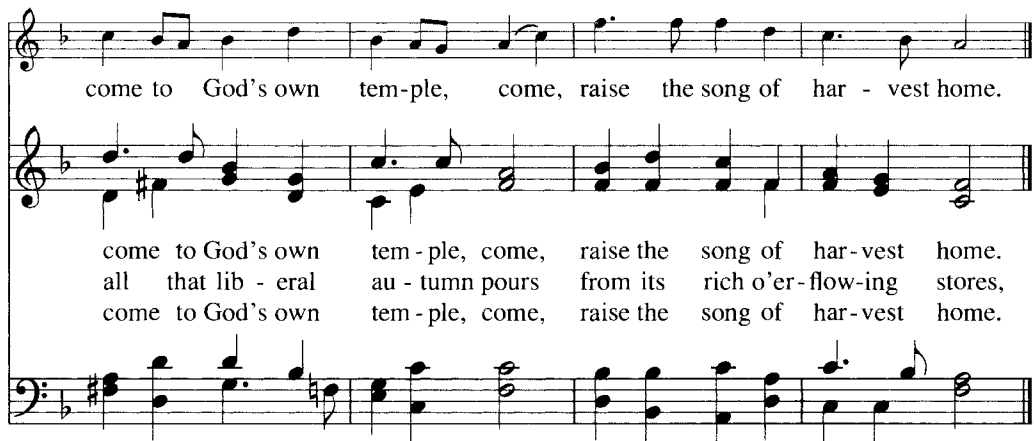


Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;



God our Mak-er does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;
All that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,
Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;





come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
all that lib - eral au - tumn pours from its rich o'er - flow - ing stores,
come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.

This hymn represents the joining of two Thanksgiving hymns by nineteenth-century poet Henry Alford and eighteenth-century poet Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld. The creator of this combined form, which appeared early in the twentieth century, is not known.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.D.
George J. Elvey, 1858
Descant: H. A. Chambers, 1931

WORSHIP STAFF: DeWayne L. Davis, *Lead Minister*; Beth Hoffman Faeth, *Minister for Congregational Life*; Seth Patterson, *Minister for Justice & the Arts*; Philip Brunelle, *Organist-Choirmaster*; Marie Scholtz, *Associate Music Director & First Service Music Coordinator*; Laura Caviani, *First Service Trio Director*; Cody Bourdot, *A/V Production Manager*

JAZZ TRIO: Laura Caviani, *piano*; Kam Markworth, *bass*;
Dave Schmalenberger, *drums*

TRIO ARRANGEMENTS: Laura Caviani; **SONGLEADER:** Marie Scholtz

CHURCH REGISTER

RECENTLY DECEASED

Tom Hunt (November 12, 2023), husband of John Wheelihan, father of Lang Hunt and Lucy Nelson, brother of Penny Hunt

UPCOMING MEMORIAL

A service for Karl Bottemiller will be held at Plymouth Church on Tuesday, November 21, at 10 a.m.

HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS: Plymouth's ministers call upon members of the church in their homes, in hospitals or care and rehabilitation centers. If you know of someone who would like a visit from a minister, please contact Rev. Beth Hoffman Faeth (612/871-7400).

Simple Gifts

Words: vs. 1 tradition American Shaker vs. 2-4 traditional

Music: American Shaker tune, harm. by Ann. M. Gilman, © Council for Religion in Independent Schools

Optional instrument or voice (if singing, refer to verses below).

1. 'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the
2. 'Tis the gift to be gen-tle, 'tis the gift to be fair, 'Tis the
3. 'Tis the gift to be know-ing, 'tis the gift to be kind, 'Tis the
4. 'Tis the gift to be lov-ing, 'tis the best gift of all, Like the

gift to come down where we ought to be, And
gift to wake and breathe the morn-ing air. To
gift to wait to hear a - noth - er's mind, That
warm spring rain bring - ing beau - ty when it falls, And

when we find our-selves in the place just right, It will
walk ev - e - ry day in the path we choose. 'Tis the
when we speak our feel-ings we might come out true, 'Tis the
as we use this gift we might come to be-lieve It is



be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
 gift that we pray we nev - er, nev - er lose.
 gift for me and the gift for you.
 bet - ter to give than it is to re - ceive.

Refrain



Then to bow and to bend we will

Refrain

When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, To bow and to bend we will



not be a-shamed. To turn will be our de-light 'Til by

not be a-shamed. To turn, turn will be our de-light 'Til by



turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

THE GRACE OF GOD

MICHAEL HUDSON

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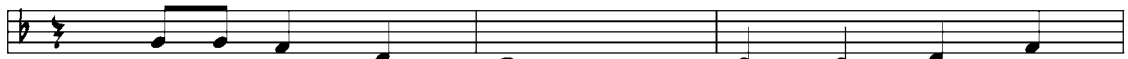
1. The grace of God is like a road
God is like the wind,
God is like a stone;
God is like a stream;
God is like a friend



4 that draws the heart from its first home—
it comes and goes and comes a gain—
it firms the will of soul and bone—
it fills and finds our deep - est dreams—
who sees us through the jour - ney's end—



8 We long to go, but we hate to leave,
We read the signs in the bend - ing trees,
Still soul and bone grow worn and weak,
It finds a thirst and leaves a spring,
The road is long and the talk is sweet



12 and the Spi - rit calls, "Come fol - low



15 me." 1, 2, 3, 4. 5.
2. The voice of me."
3. The strength of
4. The love of
5. The peace of

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