

First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin

Harvest Sunday, November 19, 2023

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

BELL PEAL & WELCOME

PRELUDE – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

R. Parks

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Our God is bringing us to a good land,
with flowing streams, valleys, and hills,
wheat and barley, olive trees and honey.

**ALL: We will eat our fill and bless the Lord our God,
who has given us all good gifts.**

ONE: In gratitude and thanksgiving, let us worship God!

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*HYMN 551 – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of the harvest,

we are quick to thank you for the abundance of our lives.

We proclaim ourselves blessed when we have enough—

enough food on the table, enough money to spend,

enough people to share our days with,

enough space to live comfortably.

We are deeply grateful,

but we think of these blessings as our own.

We do not consider that we might share these blessings with others.

Forgive us for our stinginess.

Forgive us for thinking of ourselves as better than those who have less.

Teach us that the truest thanks we can give you

is to share our abundance with other beloved children of God.

(A time of silence is observed for personal confession.)

ONE: In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

ALL: Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: Beloved Community,
One of the indescribable gifts of God
is the forgiveness that never ends.

**ALL: In gratitude, we will share.
In gratitude, we will praise. Alleluia!**

***GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #579**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

EPISTLE READING – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Pew Bible, page 942

LITURGIST: The Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

CHORAL RESPONSE – Offertory (Micah 6:6-8)

J.N. Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?*

*Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*He has shown you, O mortal;
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justly and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?*

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 25:14-30

Pew Bible, page 807

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord!

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. David Shelor

***HYMN (on insert) – God's Miracles of Love**

RESPONSE

We give of our whole selves in gratitude for all of God's gifts.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed

**ALL: 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 at 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: Our Father, 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, forever. Amen.**

CALL TO LOVE, JUSTICE & PEACE

Your generosity builds God's beloved community and changes lives!

At FPC, we gratefully and joyfully welcome your giving:

In-Person: Offering plates are available at the exits after worship.

Online: Via your bank or www.fpcdunedin.org and clicking "GIVE."

Volunteer: Ask for a "Volunteer Opportunities" flier or call our office.

*DOXOLOGY Hymnal #591

**ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*HYMN 555 – Now Thank We All Our God

*BENEDICTION & GREETING

POSTLUDE – Now Thank We All Our God

F.D. Ashdown

***Thank you for worshipping with us today!
You are invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshment.
Please join us now in Hager Hall.
All are welcome!***

