



ORDER OF WORSHIP for November 22, 2020 @ 10am
The Congregational Church of Needham (MA),
United Church of Christ
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MORE THAN A FAIRYTALE FAITH
“Sharing, a Miracle: For Five or 5000”

PRELUDE

Coronet Voluntary by S. Goodwin

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When he was asked to name the heart of our faith, Jesus answered:

Many: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself.” Mark 12:28-31

One: So as we gather around the scriptures, companions on the journey, we read our lives alongside them by the light of love.

Many: We share these words, these lives shared with us, and look for the living Word in them and in ourselves.

One: We pray for the day when God will write the way of life on our hearts; Jeremiah 31:33

Many: until then we work to be doers of the Word, and not merely hearers. James 1:22

One: that the Word of God may dwell in us richly, as we teach one another and give thanks, singing and praying and listening together, Colossians 3:16

Many: doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. Micah 6:8

ALL: Let us worship God together in word and in deed, in Spirit and in truth. John 4:23

HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (see below)

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

from the Gospels, John 6:1-14

TIME ESPECIALLY WITH CHILDREN

The Rev. John MacIver Gage

SERMON

The Rev. Maddie Foster

HYMN

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (see below)

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(using these or whichever words are closest to your own heart)*

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God

The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OURSELVES, DOING THE WORK

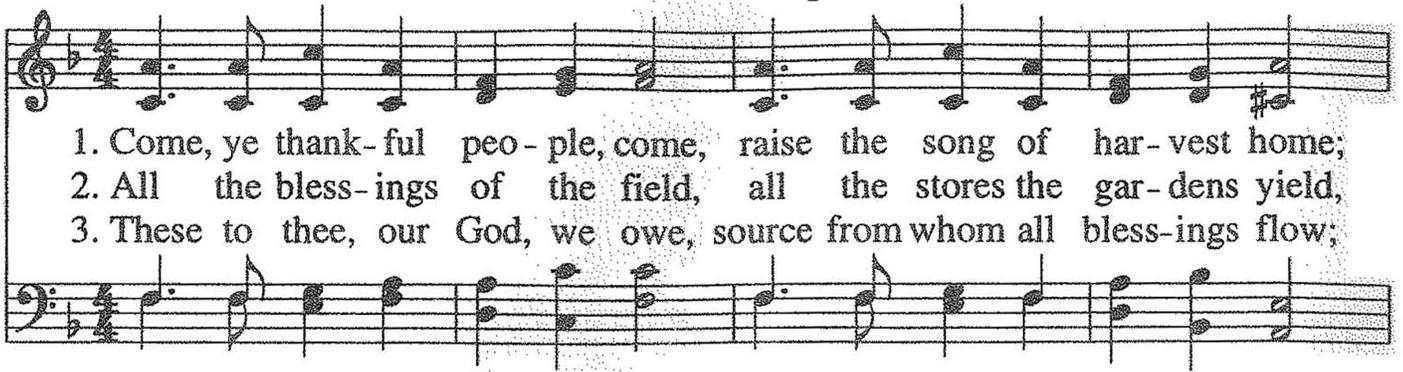
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: *growing in* **GRATITUDE** *for the future*

John & Deb Baldwin

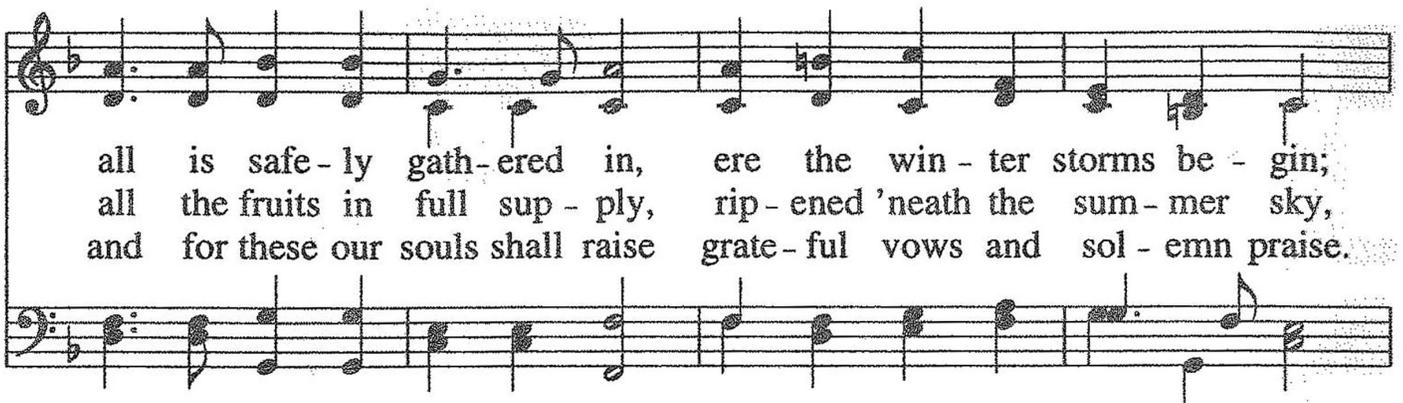
SINGING OUR THANKS & PRAISE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

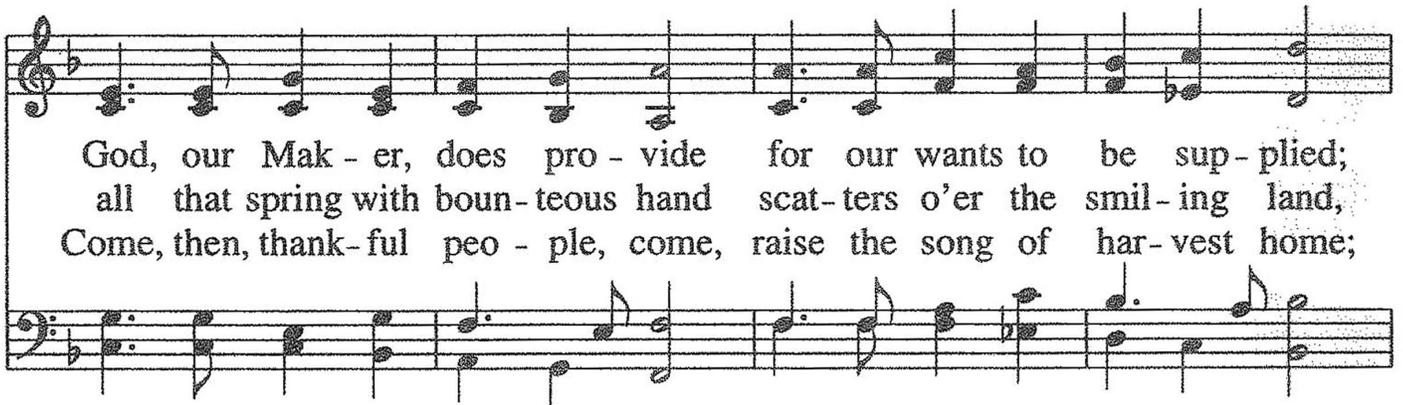
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



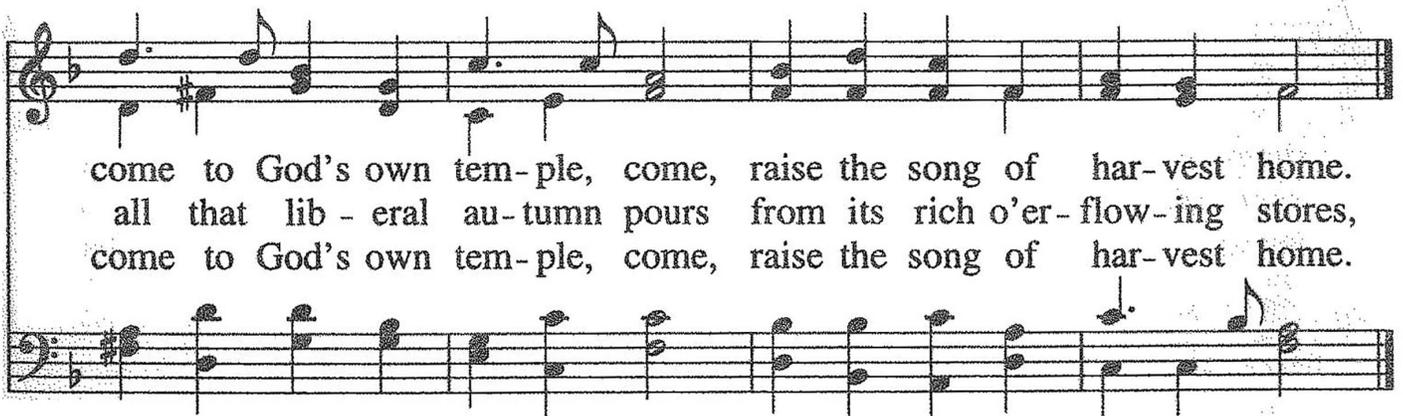
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
2. All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,
3. These to thee, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;



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



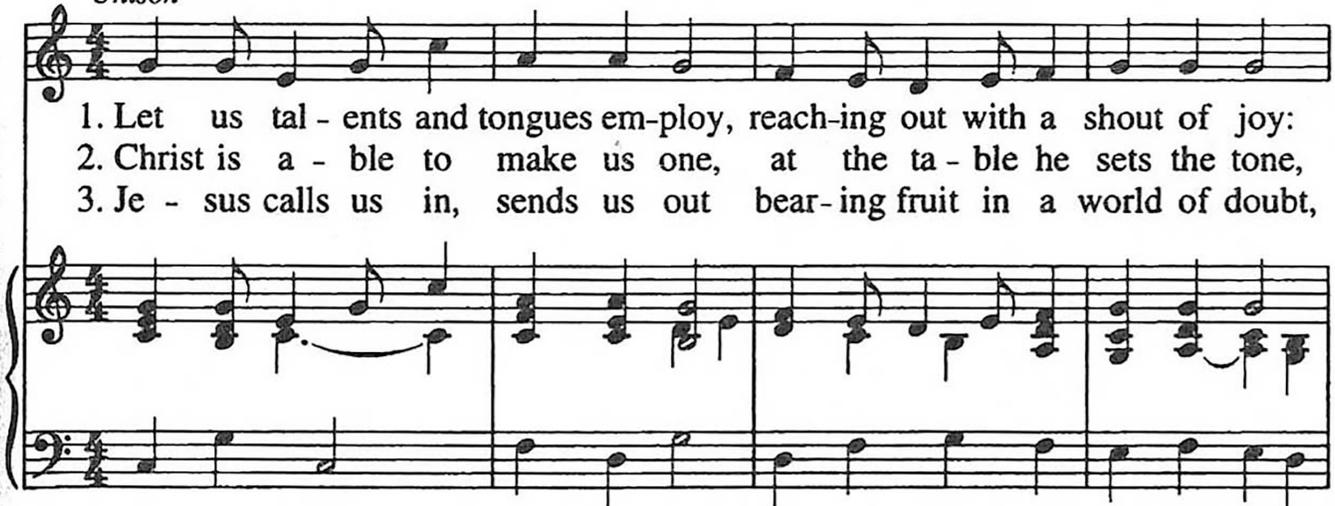
God, our Mak-er, does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;
all that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,
Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;



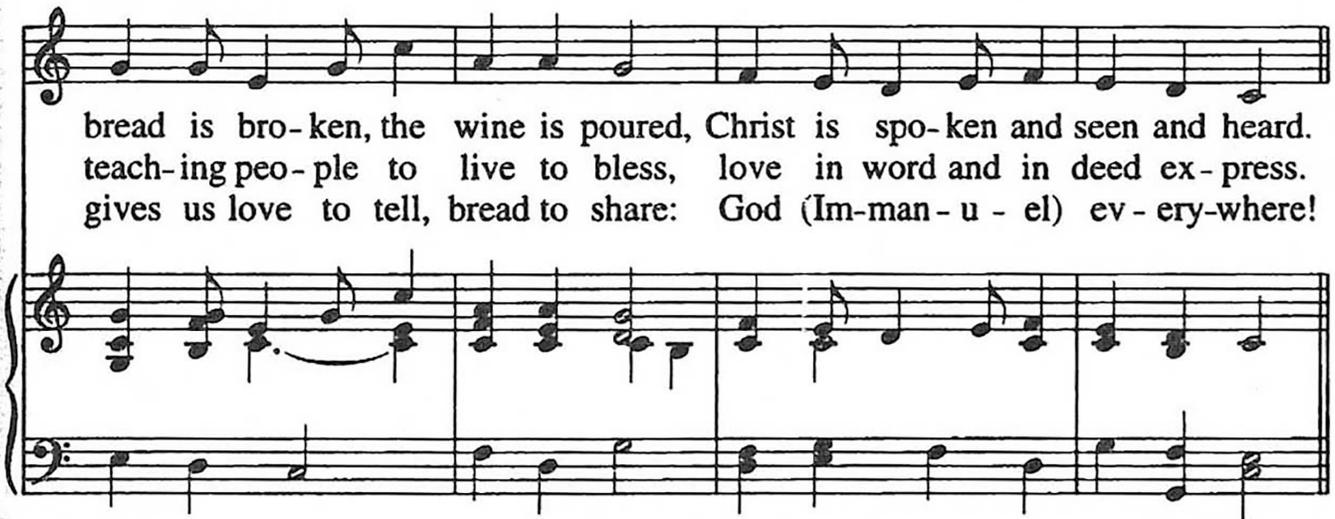
come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,
come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Unison

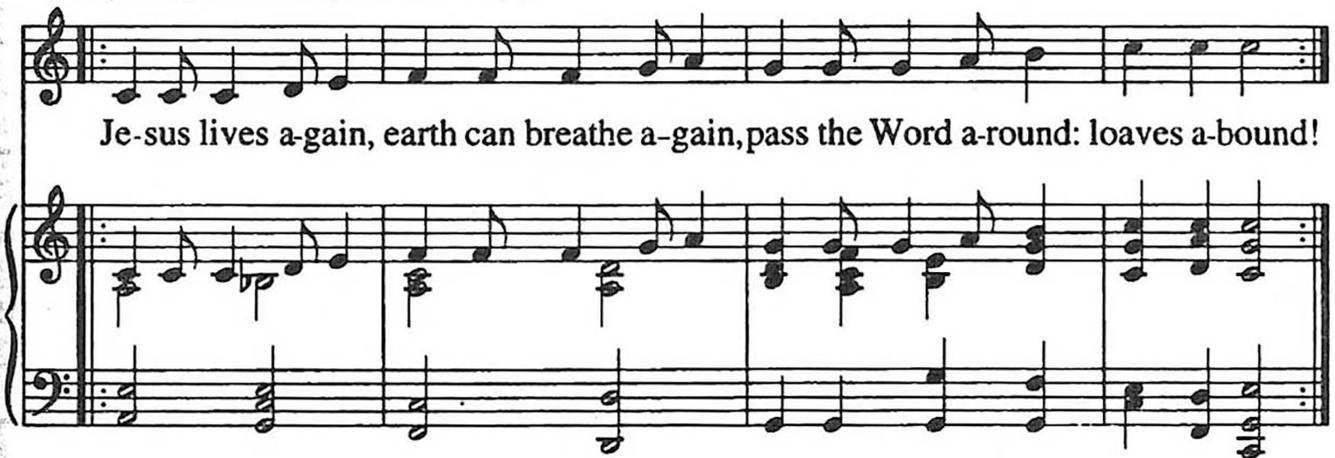


1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

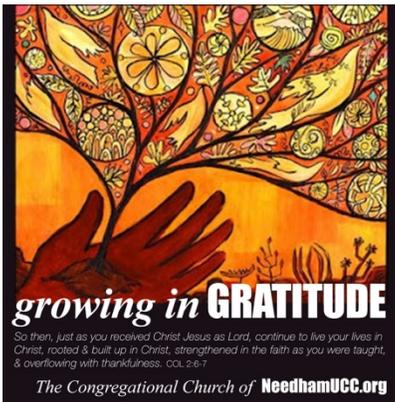


bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

Refrain (first time p, second time f)



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!



Events, Fellowship and Mission

growing in GRATITUDE - Stewardship 2020 "Gratitude runs completely counter to the 'never-enough' culture of the world around us. It asks us to give thanks for everything in our lives, good or bad, that has brought us to the present moment; to receive this moment, with all its blessings and challenges, as a gift; and to look to the future with hope and commitment. With all that is happening in the world, this has definitely been a year for lots of gratitude practice." Please consider who you can generously support our church and work together from a place of generosity this year. You can fill out a pledge form online at www.NeedhamUCC.org/Giving

The Giving Tree - For this year's Christmas Giving Tree, we're collecting donations to be turned into gift cards for the families transitioning from homelessness into stable housing with the help of Family Promise Metrowest. Your donations will empower these parents to choose gifts for their own children and put food on the table. You can make your donation via the PayPal link on website at www.NeedhamUCC.org (simply choose "Giving Tree" from the drop-down menu) or by sending your check payable to "The Congregational Church of Needham" with the memo: "Giving Tree" to 1154 Great Plain Ave., Needham, MA 02492.

More Support for Family Promise Metrowest! During this pandemic, Family Promise Metrowest (FPM) has done an excellent job adjusting to the circumstances and has increased the number of families being served while still following COVID safe protocols. There are several opportunities for our church community to support FPM this fall!! For information, visit www.familypromisemetrowest.org/newsevents/events. If you have questions or would like more information about getting involved with FPM contact Vance Fernandez at vancefernandez@hotmail.com

Calling all singers (and wanna be singers), from Cici Hunt: "The Once-in-a-While Choir has been invited to sing virtually on Sunday 11/29, the first Sunday of Advent. Since our first music video went so well, we want to invite YOU to participate in this next one for "Those Who Dream," our theme song for the Advent season. Does this sound like something of interest for you? If you have any questions, I am happy to help. This traveling' grandma is even available to travel to your home (safely) to record you. Just say the word, and I'll send you the music and tracks you can choose from to record to. [Click here to email me](#) with your questions and your YESSSES! "

Guatemala Partnership: NISGUA Calendars for Sale - Calendars from NISGUA (Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala) will once again be available for purchase. They cost \$20 each, or \$35 for two. Proceeds will go toward COVID-19 health needs in Santa María Tzejá. The calendars make great Christmas gifts, especially for anyone who has traveled to the village. [Email Val Kistler here](#). She will deliver to your home (if in Needham) or send by mail.

The Property Team Seeks a "Pro" - The Property Team seeks someone with knowledge of architecture, construction or building systems to join us. Now more than ever we need to be good stewards of our building and our finances. [Email Sue Cotton here](#) if you could offer a few hours a month to the Team.

Worship Flower Donations – Even while we're worshipping remotely will have a live plant on the altar on Sundays, and an opportunity to remember or honor someone or something special in your life: a loved one, an anniversary, etc.. If you would like to sponsor the flowers you can [sign up here](#) at or email the church office at office@needhamucc.org with 2 date choices and your dedication for the Order of Worship. Donations can be made via check or the church's PayPal account(see below).



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