

November 20, 2016  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude:** Now Thank We All Our God J.S. Bach

**Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Hymn:** #714 *God of the Fertile Fields*

**Welcome**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Choral Introit:** *Sing Out My Soul*

**Call to Worship**

One: Bless God, all people of faith and hope.  
God has looked on us with great favor.

**All: God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble. God is our guide and inspiration when things go well.**

One: God gives light to those who live in the shadows.  
God offers stillness amid the turbulence of our times.

**All: We live in covenant with God, who gives us the best. We are eager to give our best to God in return.**

One: By the tender mercy of our God, we meet for worship. God has brought the dawn of a new day for our use.

**All: Praise God for signs and wonders all around us. Praise God for peace and reconciliation.**

One: Let us worship God together!

**Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

Holy God, Holy Immortal One, May this time in worship grant to us; strength for life's journey, courage for the times of suffering, the power of forgiveness, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, the hope of new life, the vision of unity. May this time in worship open us to the call to serve.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your way like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done. Our to-do lists fail to include reminders to love, to forgive, and to forget, to be extravagant in our giving, to be understanding especially of those whose ways are not our ways. We have kept score of our generosity and recorded the failure of others to do likewise. We have closed our eyes to the cry of the needy and we tell ourselves they are not worthy. We have placed our faith in false Gods. Hear us this day as we turn to you seeking your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

***Moment of Silence***

**Assurance of God's Love**

**\*Gloria Patri:** *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.*

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 46**

(Page 636 HS in the pew bible)

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures -  
Jeremiah 23:1-6**

(Page 887 HS in the pew bible)

**Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (debts)**

**\*Hymn:** #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

*(There will be no Sunday School today – the children will stay to worship with the congregation.)*

**Offering of Gifts**

**Anthem:** *God, and God Alone*

Joel Raney

**\*Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**New Testament Reading – Colossians 1:11-20**

(Page 244 NT in the pew bible)

**Sermon:** *"What Are You Thankful For?"*

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

**Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer**

**Response:** *Sing Out My Soul*

**\*Hymn:** #643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

**Benediction**

**Response:** *Sing Out My Soul*

**Postlude:** Now Thank We All Our God Sigrid Karg-Elert  
(\*Please stand if able)

*If you are visiting us today, Welcome! Please sign the guestbook at the front door and introduce yourself to Pastor Diane or to one of our Deacons.*

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. All are welcome. Our host today is Sue Bucceri.*

*Hearing assist devices are available; please see an usher if you would like to use one.*

*Nursery care is available for children ages 0-4. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery.*

Our Lay Reader today is Sheryl Kennedy.

The ushers for today are Sharon Tingley & Sal Accardo.

*The flowers are donated by Alice Gustafson in loving memory of Herbert Gustafson.*

Prayer List

Wilma Tillerman, Emily, Leonard Kaufman, Chris Capecelatro, Trish Johnson, Laura Flores, Margie Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Joan and Paul and their family

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

Today 11:30 am Church Council Meeting  
Monday 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Service  
Tuesday 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal  
Thursday Thanksgiving ~ Office Closed  
Friday Thanksgiving Break ~ Office Closed

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**COMMUNITY INTERFAITH SERVICE**

Come celebrate Thanksgiving with us! We will be hosting an interfaith service on Monday, November 21, at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join us.

**CANAAN THANKSGIVING FEAST**

Join with your friends and neighbors in this very special Community Thanksgiving meal. Everyone is welcome! Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 12-2 pm, at the Pilgrim House on Granite Ave. For further information or if you know someone who needs to have a meal delivered please call 860-824-5854 and leave a message.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY/WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Men's Bible Study meets on Friday mornings in the Parish Hall at 7:30 am. Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays, at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall Library. There will be no women's Bible Study on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and there will be no men's Bible Study on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

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