
COME, YE
THANKFUL
PEOPLE
COME

Middlebury Community Thanksgiving Service
November 24, 2026
7:00 pm
*all those who are able please stand

PRELUDE

INTROIT Adult Choir
Enter into the house of the Lord with thanksgiving and praise.
Come and rejoice in the presence of the Lord.

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Katrina Manzi

***HYMN**
We Gather Together Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #21

READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE
Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Liz Walker
For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

"Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble

you and to test you and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalm 65 Sandra Regan

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed,

People: O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

Leader: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

People: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

People: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

Leader: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

People: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

Leader: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

People: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

Leader: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

People: The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;

Leader: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

***HYMN**
Praise, O Praise Our god and King Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #463

SERMON The Rev. Sherry Hardwick Thomas

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music
Thanksgiving Quodlibet David Peninger
Adult Choir

***Doxology in Unison** Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #515
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**
Gracious and generous God, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we receive from your hand. Bless and multiply them, just as Jesus multiplied a few loaves and fishes to bless others. Use them so others can taste your love in our community and in your world, through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVINGS

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER
Leader: Almighty God, from you comes every good and perfect gift; we call to remembrance your loving-kindness and tender mercies, which have been steadfast from age to age, and with grateful hearts we lift up to you our thanksgiving. O Lord, open our lips
People: And our mouths will declare your praise.
Leader: For all the gifts you have given us; for the life you have given us, and the world in which we live
People: We praise you, O God
Leader: For the work we are enabled to do, and the truth we are permitted to learn; for whatever good there has been in our

lives, and for all the hopes and aspirations which lead us on toward better things

People: We praise you, O God

Leader: For creation; for the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest; for the varied gifts of loveliness and use which every season brings

People: We praise you, O God

Leader: For all the comforts and gladness of life; for our homes; for our friends and all the joys of community; for the love and support found in human relationships

People: We praise you, O God

Leader: For the life of faith to which you have called us; for prophets and apostles, and all faithful people in every time and place

People: We praise you, O God

Leader: For the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, and all the helps and hopes which are ours as his disciples; for the presence and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and for all the ministries of your truth and grace

People: We praise you, O God

Leader: God of all grace and love, we have praised you with our lips; grant that we may also praise you with faithful lives. We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying:

People: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

[We use "Father" and "trespasses," but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

***HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #29

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Through all the ages long, Your name be ever praised. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please join us downstairs in the Social Hall for fellowship and refreshments

St. George's Episcopal Church
The Rev. Sherry Hardwick Thomas, *Priest*
Michael Gardner, *Music Director*

Middlebury Congregational Church
The Rev. Katrina Manzi, *Pastor*
Donna Obarowski, *Music Director*
David Obarowski, *Organist*