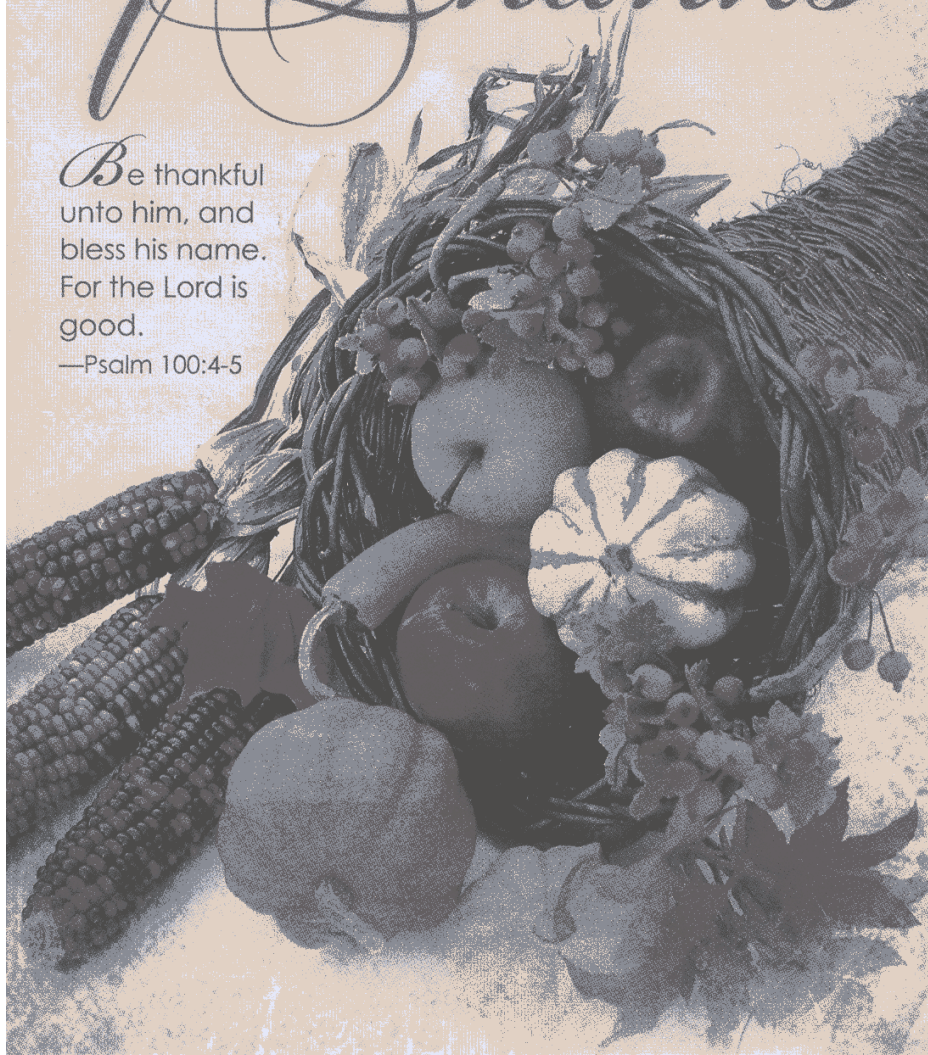


LET US ALL
Give Thanks

Be thankful
 unto him, and
 bless his name.
 For the Lord is
 good.

—Psalm 100:4-5



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

The First Church of West Bridgewater
 Cochesett United Methodist Church
 St. Ann's Catholic Church

November 22, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Prelude		Rosemary Valentine
Introit	"Seek Ye First"	Choir
Welcome		The First Church
Call to Worship		Deacon
L:	You call us together, O God, at this distinct time in history. On this day, we give thanks, remember, and reconsider our call as your people.	
P:	We give thanks for all that has sustained us through this year—a year of want and abundance, fear and comfort, grief and hope. We remember the forming of this nation—our mixed history of oppression and freedom, violence and peace, division and unity in our diversity. We reconsider our call as your people in the midst of this nation—a call to justice, compassion, and your shalom, peace.	
L:	Come to worship. Thankful people come!	
P:	We gather with gratitude and courage for the facing of these days. Amen.	
* Hymn	"Come Ye Thankful People Come"	H no. 286
Hebrew Scripture	Joel 2:21-27	Rev. Jackson
Psalter	H no. 709	Liturgist
Epistle Reading	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Rev. Jackson
Pastoral Prayer . . .	Silent prayer . . . Lord's Prayer	Rev. Ashton
* Hymn	"We Gather Together"	H no. 552
Gospel	Matthew 6:25-33	Father. McDonagh

Homily "What Happened to Thanksgiving?" Father McDonagh

Offertory

Invitation

Deacon

L: For the beauty and wonder of Creation,

P: we thank you God.

L: For our daily food, for our homes, families, and friends,

P: we thank you God.

L: For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

P: we thank you God.

L: For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

P: we thank you God.

L: For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

P: we thank you God.

L: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, boys and girls, revealing your image, O God,

P: we thank you God.

L: Today we give thanks especially for

P: our loved ones who have died

L: and for all the saints whose lives have reflected your light, O God.

P: we thank you God.

L: Let us receive our offering for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry.

Anthem "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Choir

* Hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own" H no. 438

* Unison Dedication

Loving Creator God, at harvest time we gaze in wonder at the splendor of your creation. We see a banquet spread before us, rich carpeted fields of yellowing grain and overflowing baskets of ripe fruit. We see a banquet prepared for all peoples of fine wines and rich food a generous feast for all to share. Help us to learn from your generosity how to share our bread with the hungry and open our hearts to the poor to commit ourselves to preparing a banquet for all peoples a generous feast for all to share. Amen.

* Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" H no. 283

* Benediction

Deacon

L: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;

P: Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;

L: Render to no one evil for evil;

P: Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;

L: Help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God;

P: Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

* Blessing

Rev. Ashton

* Congregational Response "Let There Be Peace" H no. 308

* Postlude Rosemary Valentine

* Standing as you are able.

Please join us for a time of refreshment and fellowship after the service.