

# A Community Thanksgiving Hymn Service

First United Methodist Church  
Sunday, November 21, 2004  
7:00 p.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**Processional Hymn # 158** “Come Christians, Join to Sing”

SPANISH HYMN

### Opening Prayer

Rev. Jim Higgins

### Introit

“In This Place”

### Welcome

Rev. Jim Higgins

### Reading

Rev. Omer Reid, Flagg Chapel Baptist Church  
Deuteronomy 8:1-20

### Anthem

“We Gather Together”  
Congregation, please join in singing when directed. Verse located in insert

### Prayer for the Day

*(Adapted from Sue Ellen Herne, Mohawk, 20<sup>th</sup> C)*  
Rev. Sam Orr, Hardwick Baptist Church

Thank you, Creator of the universe,  
for the people gathered around us today.  
We give thanks for the things of the earth  
that give us the means of life.  
Thank you for the plants and animals that we use as food and medicine.  
Thank you for the natural world,  
in which we find the means to be clothed and housed.

Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of Creation.  
Help us to see our place among these gifts,  
not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain.  
May we respect the life of all you have made.  
May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need,  
and may we use our strength to help those who need us. Amen.

**Anthem** “For the Beauty of the Earth” .....John Rutter

**Reading** Rev. Julia Simmons, First Presbyterian Church

Philippians 4:4-13

**Congregational Hymn # 160** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

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### Homily

Rev. Jim Higgins

### Offertory Anthem

“Simple Gifts” .....Shaker melody, arr. Dr. Mack Wilberg  
*Flutes: Lindsey Brown, Julie Nelson*

### Blessing of the Gifts

Father Michael McWhorter, Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Son of God, who invites us to the Paschal feast, stands ready to help us. Let us call upon him  
in our need.

### Response of the People (R): Lord, hear our prayer

For the Church of God, that we may never cease to give thanks for all good gifts,  
we pray to the Lord. **R**

For the poor of the world, that we may share with them our food and material goods,  
we pray to the Lord. **R**

For farmers and all those who provide us with our food, that we may cherish their labor and  
love for the land, we pray to the Lord. **R**

For the world and all is contains, that God may continue to bless creation and make  
all things fruitful, we pray to the Lord. **R**

Let us pray to our loving Father as Jesus taught us:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Doxology Anthem

“The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune” arr. Ralph Vaughan-Williams  
Congregation, please join in singing the last verse:

“To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and  
from the Angelhost, Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.”

### Prayer

Rev. Jerry Bradley, First Baptist Church

Leader:

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and the person who  
loves is born of God and knows God.

**People:**

**I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink**

Leader: But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother or sister in need, yet closes his heart, how does God's love abide in that person?  
**People:** **I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me.**  
 Leader: In this, the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent God's only son into the world so that we might live through him...If God so loved us, we ought to love one another.  
**People:** **Let us love not in word and speech, but in deed and in truth.**  
**All:** **And Jesus said, "As you did it to the least of these, you did it unto me**

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**Anthem** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" .....Joel Raney  
Congregation, please join in singing verse three when directed: verse located in the insert.

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**Psalms Litany** (from Psalms 33, 45, 65-67, 92, 111) Rev. Phil Larsen, Hope Lutheran Church

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to God's name.  
**People:** **Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as an heritage.**  
 Leader: God visits the earth and waters it; He enriches it greatly and provides the people with grain.  
**People:** **The Lord crowns the year with bounty, the pastures of the wilderness overflow.**  
 Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept us among the living.  
**People:** **We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart! God provides food for those who fear Him; He is ever mindful of His covenant.**  
 Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.  
**ALL:** **May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the Earth revere him. Amen.**  
 Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**

**Anthem** "I Want to Thank You, Lord" .....Moses Hogan  
*Soloist: Wade Elkins*

**Charge to Service** Rev. Jim Higgins

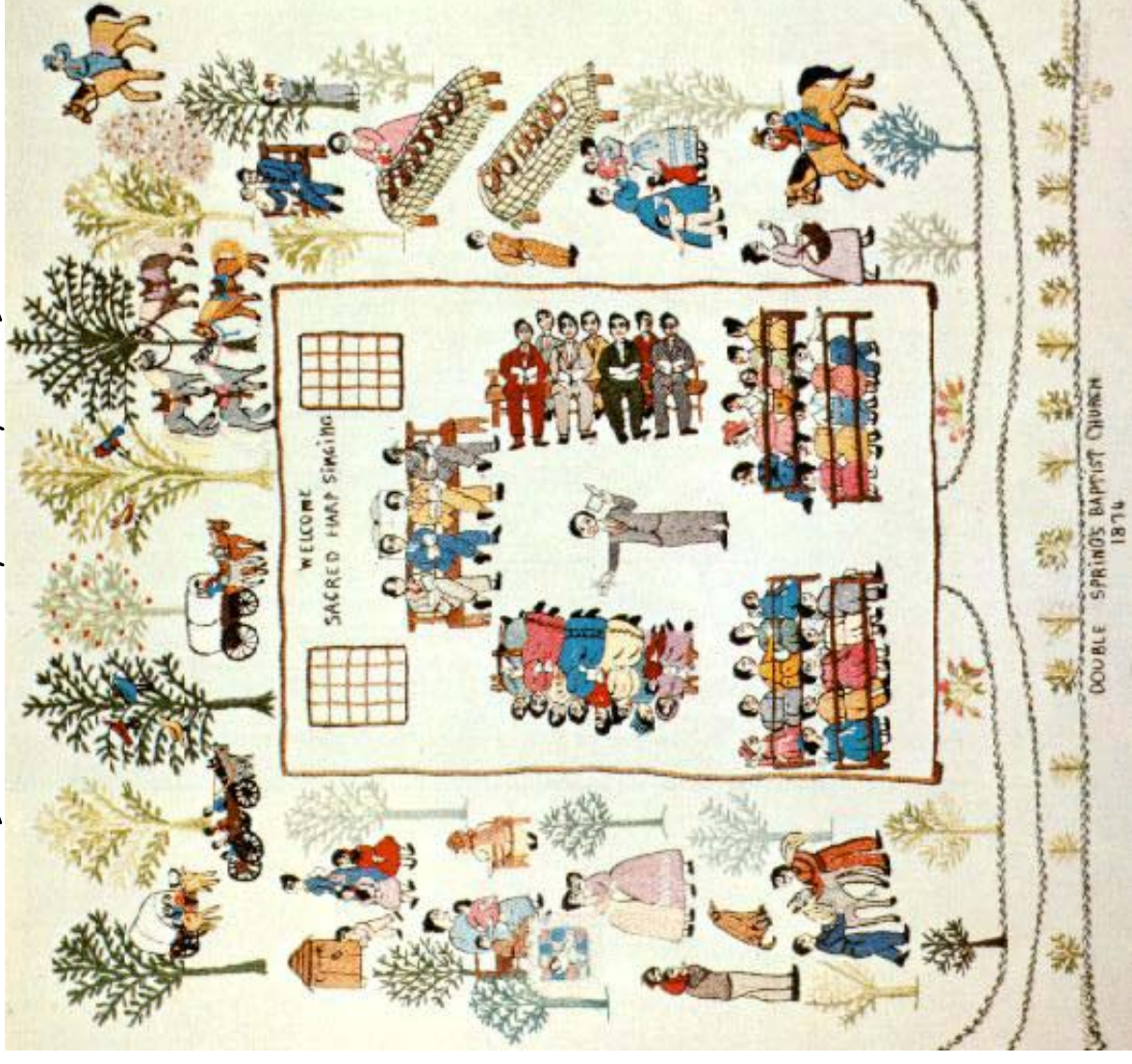
**Recessional Hymn # 102** "Now Thank We All Our God"  
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**Benediction** Rev. Jim Higgins

**Choral Benediction** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" ..... Peter C. Lutkin

*Please join us for a reception immediately following the service.*

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Let thy congregation escape tribulation: Thy name be ever praise! O Lord, make us free!

## 🎵 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” 🎵

Verse III – Congregation

Even so, Lord, quickly come, Bring thy final harvest home;  
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There forever purified, In thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

## 🎵 Pre-service Music 🎵

Three Hymn Tunes for Brass Quartet

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken", "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" and "Joyful, Joyful,  
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Piano and Organ Duet - "The Gift of Love"

English Melody arr. Hopson & Raney

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## Your Offering

This evening’s donations will be given to the Chard-Wray Food Pantry, the Hardwick Baptist  
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