

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

\*BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN

“Jesus Saves!”

Red Hymnal # 667

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Father, Give Thy Benediction”

*Father, give thy benediction; Give thy peace before we part; Still our minds with truth's conviction; Calm with trust each anxious heart. Amen.*

POSTLUDE

## Worship Assistants



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# Hedrick's Grove Reformed United Church of Christ



**Give thanks**  
to the Lord, for  
He is good; His love  
endures forever.  
Psalm 107:1

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**November 19, 2023**

***A warm welcome to all today!***

May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

**Visitors,** we are especially glad to see you.

***Please come again!!***



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*Indicates to please stand if able.

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** print.

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

TRINITY CHIMES (At the sound of the chimes, please enter into a time of meditation.)

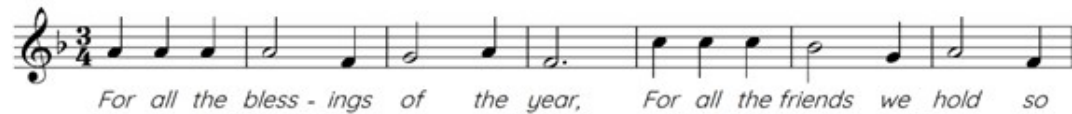
PRELUDE “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING SILENCE

\*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL INTROIT

“We Thank Thee, Lord”



\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,

**but Christ who chose us,**

That we are not here because of our goodness.

**but because of Christ’s grace,**

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

**but to allow Christ to enlighten us,**

That we have not come to be entertained

**but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength. Amen**

\*GATHERING HYMN “We Sing the Greatness of Our God” Red Hymnal # 338

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God of all goodness, you welcome us, forgive us and heal us. You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you. You crown us with steadfast love and mercy. Reveal yourself to us in this moment. Let us know your presence so that we may bless you: Bless you, O God! Bless your holy name! Amen.**

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess

our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM

“Thanksgiving Special”

Chancel Choir

Narrator: Chris Beck

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Judges 4:1-7 Page 169

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SERMON TEXT

Matthew 25:14-30

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SERMON

“Entrusted Stewards”

Joshua W. Rau

\*SERMON HYMN

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

Red Hymnal # 458

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER ~ PASTORAL PRAYER ~ LORD’S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

## THANKSGIVING

*God’s gifts move us to respond with grateful words and actions.*

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY