

Invitation to a Thanksgiving Collection

* **Hymn of Sending Forth:** *There is a Wideness in God's Mercy, UMH 121*

* **Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: *Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. Karg-Elert

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Thanks to Marsha Six for continuing our tradition of creating a cornucopia on our Altar. Since ancient times a Cornucopia, also called a 'Horn of Plenty', has been a symbol of abundance or an inexhaustible store of life sustaining things such as food. The cup of goodness, in a word, overflows. How have you experienced God providing life-giving goodness to you? How are you, in a way of being grateful, sharing this with others?

Serving Today:

Ushers: 8:30 Jim Crittenden, Nathan Jones, Bill Brady and James Watkins

9:00 Ken Bradley

11:15 Mary Ann Hoye, Beth Murray, Jane Shaffer, and Jean Shaffer.

Greeter: 8:30 Martha Moore

9:00 Trish Williams

11:15 Roger and Lahoma Hart

Acolytes: 8:30: Lance Sczsney 11:15: Mason Yeamans

Acolytes for November 30: 8:30: LeBron Jones 11:15: Danielle Cloud

Thanksgiving Offering

Today, Warwick continues in its tradition of receiving an additional Thanksgiving Offering. Your gift this year will go to support our PORT mission. We will be housing the homeless the week of December 10th to the 17th. Gifts may be placed in the specially marked envelope in your offering box (if you are a member), or you can mark your check with "Thanksgiving Offering"

Thank you for being responsive to God's call to "go the second mile" with your gift of gratitude.

Order of Worship for November 23, 2014

8:30 am and 11:15 am

Gathering Together for Worship

Centering Music: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Elvey arr. by Larson
Gloria Dei Ringers

Welcoming & Prayer

* **Hymn of Praise:** *We Gather Together*, UMH 132

Anthem: (8:30) *Make a Joyful Noise!*
(incorporating “Holy, Holy, Holy”)
(11:15) *God’s Sun and Moon*
God’s Love Shines

Reeves
Junior Choir
Grantham
Russell

Children’s Moment

As the children return to their seats, all are invited to join in singing: **“This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.”** (FWS 2233)

Cherub Choir

What Are Some of The Things We Are Thankful For?

How Are We Changing Lives? - PORT

Giving to God for Ministry

Offertory: 8:30 *Give God Thanks!*
(see insert for text)

Larson
Praise Choir
Fettke

11:15 *Hymn of Grateful Praise*
(incorporating “For the Beauty of the Earth”)
(see insert for words and music)

Chancel Choir, Congregation
and Roget Lett, trumpet

Many of the choir have served at both services and some may be leaving before the 11:15 service has ended

***Doxology:** UMH 94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 29: 5b-22a (The Message)

READER 1: “And now, how about you? Who among you is ready and willing to join in the giving?”

PEOPLE: **Ready and willing, the heads of families, leaders of the tribes of Israel, commanders and captains in the army, stewards of the king’s affairs, stepped forward and gave willingly.**

READER 2: They gave more than 188 tons and of gold, 377 tons silver, 679 tons of bronze and 3,775

tons of iron. Anyone who had precious jewels put them in the treasury for the building of The Temple of God.

PEOPLE: **And the people were full of a sense of celebration—all that giving! And all given willingly, freely! King David was exuberant. David blessed God in full view of the entire congregation:**

READER 1: Blessed are you, God of Israel, our father from of old and forever. To you, O God, belong the greatness and the might, the glory, the victory, the majesty, the splendor; Yes! Every thing in heaven, everything on earth; the kingdom all yours!

PEOPLE: **You’ve raised yourself high over all. Riches and glory come from you, you’re ruler over all; You hold strength and power in the palm of your hand to build up and strengthen all. And here we are, O God, our God, giving thanks to you, praising your splendid Name.**

READER 2: “But me—who am I, and who are these my people, that we should presume to be giving something to you? Everything comes from you; all we’re doing is giving back what we’ve been given from your generous hand. As far as you’re concerned, we’re homeless, shifless wanderers like our ancestors, our lives mere shadows, hardly anything to us.

PEOPLE: **God, our God, all these materials—these piles of stuff for building a house of worship for you, honoring your Holy Name—it all came from you! It was all yours in the first place! I know, dear God, that you care nothing for the surface—you want us, our true selves—and so I have given from the heart, honestly and happily. And now see all these people doing the same, giving freely, willingly—what a joy!**

READER 1: O God, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, keep this generous spirit alive forever in these people always, keep their hearts set firmly in you. And give my son Solomon an uncluttered and focused heart so that he can obey what you command, live by your directions and counsel, and carry through with building The Temple for which I have provided.”

READER 2: David then addressed the congregation: “Bless God, your God!” And they did it, blessed God, the God of their ancestors, and worshiped reverently in the presence of God and the king.

PEOPLE: **The very next day they butchered the sacrificial animals and offered in the worship of Israel to God a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand sheep, and in addition drink offerings and many other sacrifices. They feasted all day, eating and drinking before God, exuberant with joy.**

PEOPLE: **This is the word of God for the people of God**

READERS: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon: Are You Ready For Thanksgiving?