

## Anthem Texts

### In the Spirit of Thanksgiving words by Joseph M. Martin

In the spirit of thanksgiving, we have gathered here to day.  
For each gift and every blessing, we bring hearts of grateful praise.  
Bright the wonders done among us, dazzling deeds of truth and light.  
So today, in tuneful chorus, we proclaim Your power and might.

In the spirit of thanksgiving, Lord, we worship and rejoice!  
Grateful hearts and faithful living, now our purpose and our choice.  
Lord, Your mercy is forever, every need Your hand provides.  
Gifts of love is double measure, golden grace Your heart supplies.

In the spirit of thanksgiving, we will bow and bend the knee.  
Make us grateful when receiving, as You meet our every need.  
Food to strengthen us in body, words of wisdom for our mind,  
Faith to mold a humble spirit, hearts to hold Your love divine.

In the spirit of thanksgiving, Lord, we bow our heads in prayer.  
Let this time be the beginning, when we finally learn to share.  
We are blessed to be a blessing. Fill our cup, Lord, with Your grace.  
Overflowing with thanksgiving, truly living out our faith!

### We Plow the Fields words by Matthias Claudius

We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine, and soft, refreshing rain.

He only is the maker of all things near and far.  
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed.  
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,  
and that which thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

**Worship Preview for Sunday, November 25, 2018**  
**8:00 AM - Chapel Worship / 10:00 AM - Worship in the Nave**  
Rev. Bill Trump presents the message. Rhonda Kwiecien - organist.  
Dr. Patrick Dill leads the FCC Choir at the 10 AM worship service.

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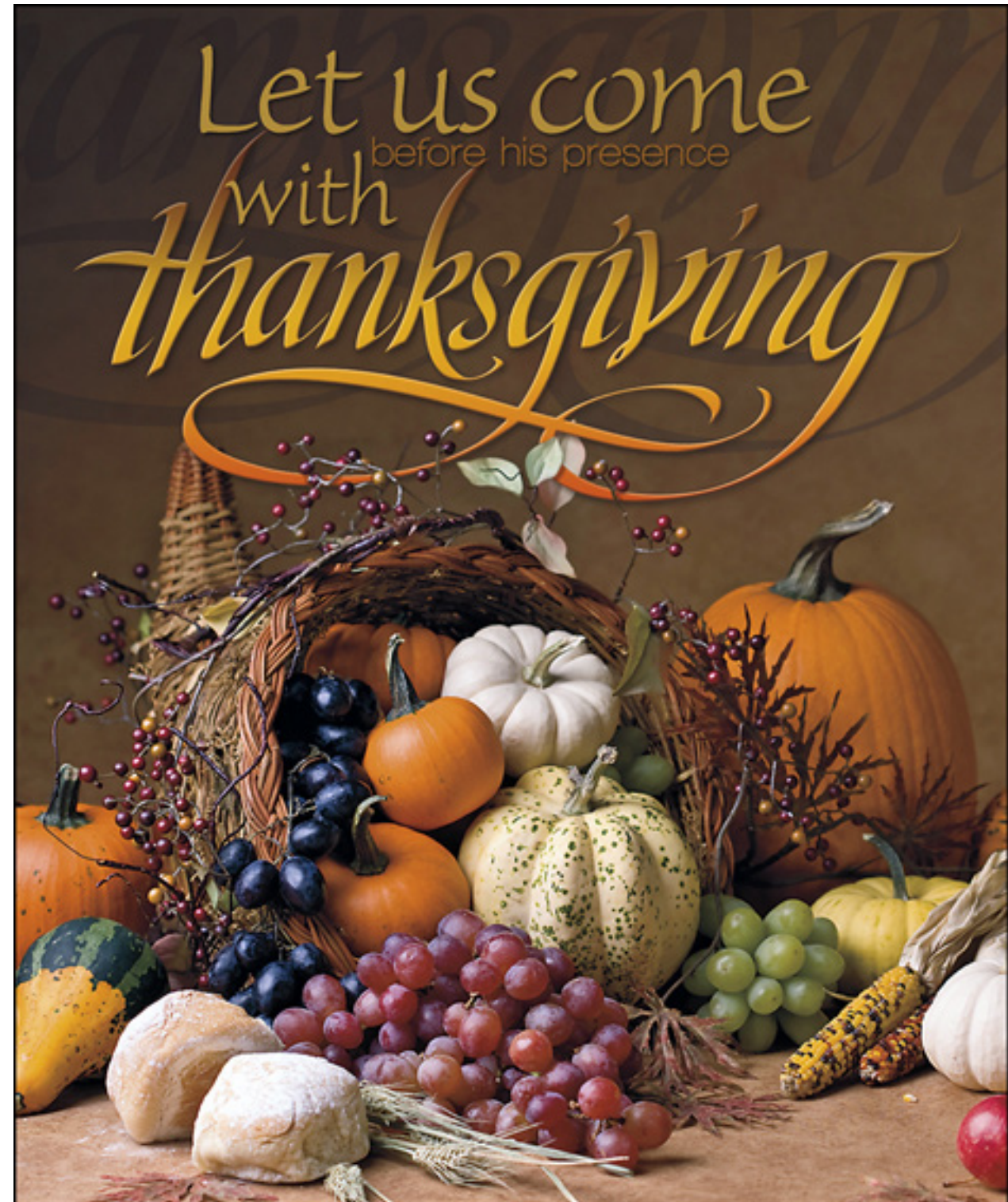
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# Thanksgiving Day Worship

November 22, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m.

First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

*Please silence your cell phones.*

THE PRELUDE *Now Thank We all Our God* arr. by Paul Manz

\*THE CALL OF THE CONCH SHELL Dr. Patrick Dill

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski

Leader: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

People: **Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.**

**Be thankful unto him and bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting.

People: **And his truth endures to all generations.**

\*HYMN 285 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\*INVOCATION FOR THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER [unison]

**O God, we have come to your house to raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving. In remembrance of that small group of Pilgrims, whose faith and desire for freedom led them to this new strange land; who through hardship and suffering still found cause for gratitude, we recognize our heritage in sacred devotion. Grant us a due sense of appreciation as we remember your goodness to them and to us. Bless our country, our church and us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying...**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 558)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

THE LESSON John 6:25-39 Bible, page 972  
Children's Bible, page 1521

THE ANTHEM *In the Spirit of Thanksgiving* Brad Nix

THE MESSAGE "Spiritual Blessings" Rev. Bill Trump

\*HYMN 281 *Count Your Blessings* BLESSINGS

CALL TO PRAYER and TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

THE OFFERTORY *We Plow the Fields* Crawford Thoburn

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 563)

**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 THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN 283 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

\*THE CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng* setting by Michael Burkhardt

\*Indicates where the congregation is asked to stand, if able.

*The Thanksgiving decorations were provided by the Deacons  
and many thanks to DdG & Charlie Wakefield for the preparation.*