First Congregational Church
and
St. Mary of the Hills
Community Service of Thanksgiving



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-- Psalm 107:1 (NLT)

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Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
at the First Congregational Church, Boylston

PRELUDE Gigi Zepp

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 107:1
Leader / **People**

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Let us Worship!

* SONG — *Gratitude*

WELCOME Pastor Zac Stephenson

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, on God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

* HYMN 797 — *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

LORD'S PRAYER:

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. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

* HYMN 793 — *For The Beauty of The Earth*

SCRIPTURE READING

HOMILY Fr. Sagar Gundiga

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
People: ***His love is everlasting.***

Leader: Come let us praise God joyfully.
People: ***Let us come to Him with Thanksgiving.***

Leader: For the good world; for the things great and small, beautiful and awesome, for seen and unseen splendors;
People: ***We thank you, Lord.***

Leader**:** For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together, For common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying.
People: ***We thank you, Lord.***

Leader: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement.
People: ***We thank you, Lord.***

Leader: For the protection of our families and our nation from acts of terror.
People: ***We thank you, Lord.***

Leader: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;
People: ***We thank you, Lord.***

Leader: For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusement and family pleasures.
People: ***We thank you, Lord.***

Leader: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and their startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

People: ***We thank you, Lord.***

Leader : For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn out values; their search for freedom; their solemn vows:

People: ***We thank you, Lord.***

Leader: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

People: ***We thank you, Lord.***

Leader**:** For the community of faith which finds meaningful significance in confessing Your Holy Name;

People: ***We thank you, Lord.***

Leader**:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: ***Thank you, God.***

* SONG — *The Blessing*

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Zac Stephenson
Fr. Sagar Gundiga

POSTLUDE

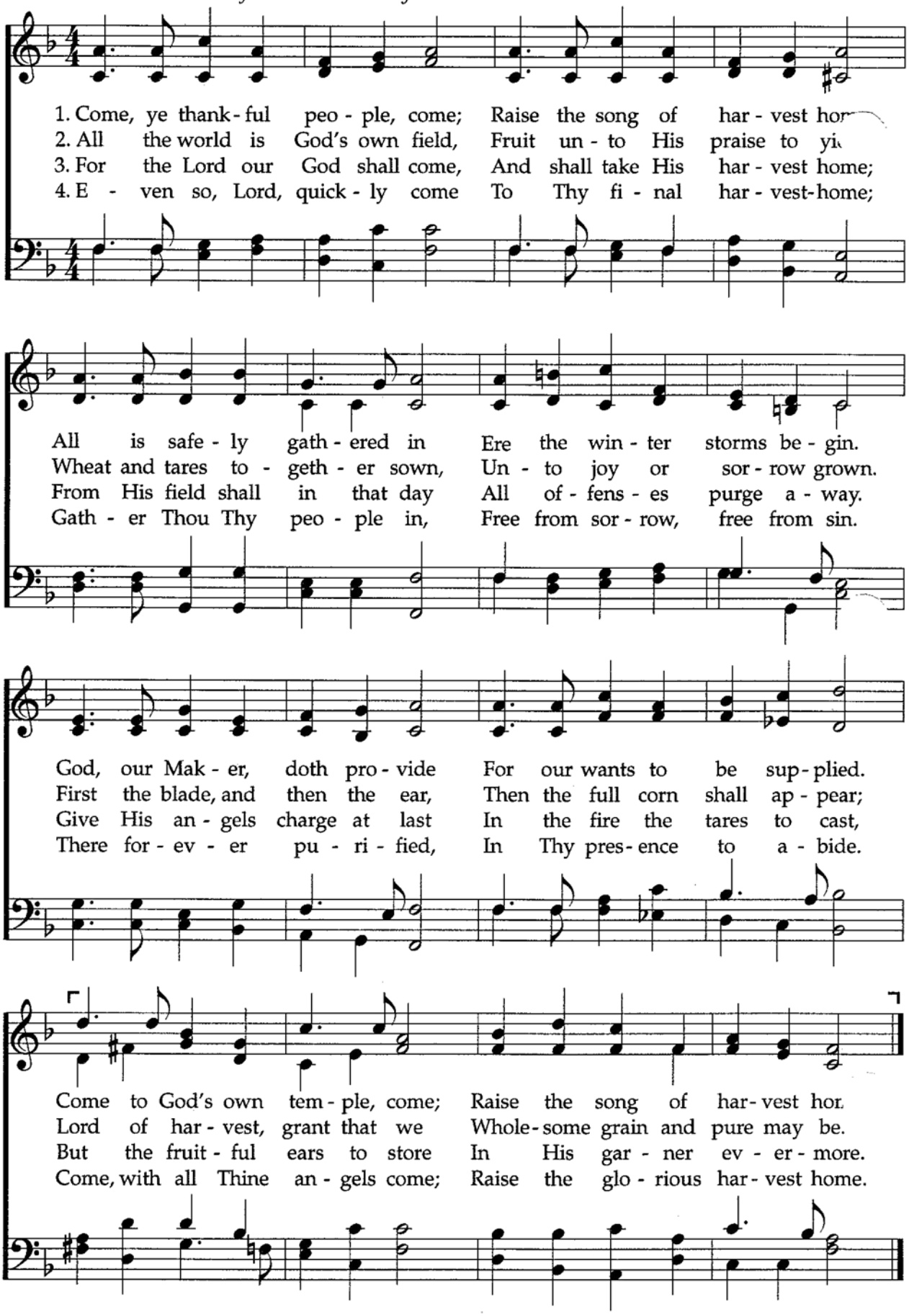
* The Congregation is invited to stand, as each one is able.

WE ARE GLAD YOU JOINED US THIS EVENING
TO GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD.

You are cordially invited to a time of fellowship (with refreshments, of course) in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

797 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

You crown the year with Your bounty. Psalm 65:11



For the Beauty of the Earth 793

Give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds. Psalm 107:8

