

10:00am
Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

November 18, 2018


HENNEPIN
AVENUE UMC

Commitment Sunday



**Give away your life;
you'll find life given
back, but not merely
given back—given
back with bonus and
blessing. Giving, not
getting, is the way.
Generosity begets
generosity.**

—Jesus

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.
You are invited to read aloud the bold text.

We Gather to Worship God

- PRELUDE *Improvisation on St. George's Windsor*
Andrew Hackett, organ
- CENTERING Rev. Nate Melcher
- CHORAL INTROIT *Now Thank We All Our God* Squire
Sanctuary Choir;
Mark Squire, Director of Music and Fine Arts
- Praise God! Praise the great Creator,
For God's goodness, for God's bounty,
Showered upon us still throughout the year.*
- Praise, God, snow and wind and rain,
Praise God, buds and blossoms fair,
Fruits and fields of golden grain,
Beasts of earth and birds of air,
Praise the Lord, ye heavens above us,
praise God, angels in the height.
Sun and moon rejoice forever;
Praise God, all ye stars of light.*
- Praise, God, praise the great Creator...*

+ HYMN NO. 694 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR



KITCHEN TABLE GIVING
A four-week stewardship series

Nov 11	<i>Kitchen Table Giving: How do we MANAGE money?</i> Luke 16:1-13 Rev. Judy Zabel
Nov 18	Commitment Sunday <i>Kitchen Table Giving: How do we SPEND money?</i> Luke 6:31-38 Rev. Judy Zabel
Nov 25	<i>Beyond Thanksgiving</i> Psalm 116, Romans 12:1-2 Rev. Frenchie Magee
Dec 2	First Sunday of Advent <i>Do You Hear What I Hear? See!</i> Luke 21:25-36 Rev. Nate Melcher
Dec 9	<i>Hear!</i> Malachi 3:1-4 Rev. Judy Zabel
Dec 16	<i>Know!</i> Zephaniah 3:14-20 Rev. Judy Zabel
Dec 23	<i>Pray!</i> Rev. Frenchie Magee

+LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Kristin Zinsmaster

We praise and thank our God
for all that we have been given!

We praise and thank our God
for earth and oceans, rain and sun, for food and homes.

We praise and thank our God
for the blessings of life and faith and hope.

We praise and thank our God
**for the Creator who made us, the Christ who saved us,
and the Counselor who guides us.**

We praise and thank our God
for family and friends, for neighbors and coworkers.

We praise and thank our God
for God has blessed us beyond all expectations.

We praise and thank our God
**for all blessings which compel us
to reach out to those with less,
to be of service to any in need,
to keep company with the unwelcome,
to seek peace and make friends of our enemies.**

Let us pray,
**Lord God, you have enriched us, saved us, loved us.
Open our hearts and minds to your will
that we may be free to share everything we have,
to give away whatever holds us hostage in spirit,
that we may always know that possessions are just that:
things, lovely to have,
but in the end only good for the good they can do in this world.
Keep us always in that work,
the work of Christ and Christ's kingdom,
the kingdom of God. Amen.**

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ANTHEM

Praise Him
Sanctuary Choir

J.S.Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Judy Zabel

Children are invited forward for the Time with Children.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Nate Melcher

+ SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet each other by name and with a sign of reconciliation and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Frenchye Magee

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WITNESS OF EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Janet Polach,
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

We Hear the Word

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:31-38 (MSG)

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Kitchen Table Giving:
How Do We Spend Money?*

Rev. Judy Zabel

We Respond to the Word

OFFERING OUR COMMITMENTS, TITHES, GIFTS & OURSELVES Rev. Nate Melcher

Please bring your commitment cards, tithes and offerings
to the baskets on the communion table.

In Our Prayers This Week

Deaths

Shane Jones

In Hospital

Milton Alberto Jones

Care Center

LaVonne Grover

Doug Jeranson

Recovering at Home

Bob Beach

Prayer Requests

Kate Lewis

Michelle and Debbie Malouf

Prayers for Our World

All persons affected by the

wildfires in California

First responders and their families

U.S. military active duty and

military families

Local, state and national leaders

Local, state, and national electoral

process

World leaders and the

international peace process

Those persons seeking asylum in

the United States

Prayers for Our Church

For the United Methodist Church:
our leaders, our discernment for
the way forward together



Clergy

Frenchye Magee, Associate Pastor of
Congregational Care &
Invitational Discipleship
Nate Melcher, Associate Pastor of
Faith Development
Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor
Jim McChesney, Pastoral Care/Visitation

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MUSICAL OFFERING

The Promise of Living Sanctuary Choir

Aaron Copland

*The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving
Is born of our loving, our friends and our labor.
The promise of growing with faith and with knowing
Is born of our sharing, our love with our neighbor.
The promise of living, the promise of growing,
Is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.*

*For many a year we've know these fields
And know all the work that makes them yield,
Are you ready to lend a hand? We're ready to work
We're ready to lend a hand!
We plant each row with seeds of grain,
And Providence sends us the sun and rain,
By lending a hand, by lending an arm,
Bring out from the farm the blessings of harvest.*

*O let us be joyful, O let us be grateful
Give thanks there was sunshine, give thanks there was rain,
Give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain.
Come join us in thanking the Lord for his blessing.
O let us be joyful, O let us be grateful to the Lord for his blessing.*

*The promise of ending in right understanding
Is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbor.*

*The promise of living, the promise of growing
The promise of ending is labor and sharing and loving.*

+ HYMN No. 131

We Gather Together

KREMSER

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Take the Word Into the World

The Acolytes lead us in carrying the light of Christ into the world.

+ HYMN No. 102

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

+ BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

Nun Danket Alle Gott (from Cantata 79)

Andrew Hackett, Organ

J. S. Bach
arr. Virgil Fox

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Romelle Pier
on her 75th birthday by her husband, Craig, and sons,
Bryce and Brent, and their children.