



*Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope*



First Church in Windsor, UCC

**Sunday, August 22  
10 a.m.**

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: God has abundantly cast seeds of love and hope upon us.

**People: May we be fruitful soil for the planting of peace in the world.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God who is so generous to us and the growth in our lives.

**People: We thank You, God, for all the blessings that have been poured upon us.**

Leader: It is only with your help that we achieve anything worthy of your name, and of your son, Jesus Christ.

**People: Let it be with humble hearts and grateful praise that we join together in worship this morning. Amen!**

## **Hymn**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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**Verses 1, 2, 4 (Words to Come)**

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield.  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin.  
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide.  
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Holy God, it is only with your help that we grow. We know that sometimes we forget this, and take all the credit for the gifts we bring into the world. Open our hearts, God, to all the help that we receive – from parents, friends, family, and most of all, from You. Let our hearts be humbled, to know that nothing we achieve can be done alone, and that You are the foundation of all good in the world. Amen.**

## Prayer of our Savior

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

## Children's Moment

### Scripture

#### **Mark 4: 26-29**

Then Jesus said, "God's kingdom is like a seed thrown on a field by a person who then goes to bed and forgets about it. The seed sprouts and grows – they have no idea how it happens. The earth does it all without their help; first a green stem of grass, then a bud, then the ripened grain. When the grain is fully formed, they reap – the time for harvest has come."

### Sermon

Pastor Peter

"The Time for Harvest"

### Hymn

#### *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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Traditional Welsh tune

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God  
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of the People

### Pastoral Prayer

## **Prayer Response**

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

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**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Where love is grown and peace is understood.**

## **Announcements**

Offering Plates are on the tables back of the church. We encourage you to give online [here](#).

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Passacaglia in Bb*

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