



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 23, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.**

Words of Welcome

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Many: **My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.**

My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

One: Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord,
ever singing your praise, O God.

All: **Happy are we whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion. Let us worship God!**

***Hymn (#367)**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

Amanda Horan

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age,
We confess that we have sinned against you.
We have wandered from your pathways,
turned toward idols,
lived without compassion,
and disregarded the well-being of your creation.
Do not turn away from us, O Lord,
but renew your covenant,
for only in you will our lives be healed.
Guide us and lead us in your ways,
for happy are those who live in your house. (Silence)

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: In the name of the One who yearns
to crown all people with righteousness
and whose mercy exalts the humble,
I declare that our sins are forgiven!

All: **May we be strengthened to live
in the freedom of God's holy and eternal generosity.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Congregational Response (#581)**

Glory Be to the Father

*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.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:9-14

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon

A Tale of Two . . .

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WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

*Hymn (#794)

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Congregational Response (#606)

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

***Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is you, O Lord, who gives us rain and sun,
food and drink, day and night, work and rest,
friends and companions, today and eternity.

**Many: You crown your people with righteousness
by the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ,
whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension
rescues us and saves us for life eternal with you.**

One: You come to us in our very breath
when we know our need and when we cannot pray,
teaching us the words that raise us up.

**All: With thanksgiving, we offer here what you have first given us.
Use us and these gifts for the sake of the life of the world. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#183)**

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

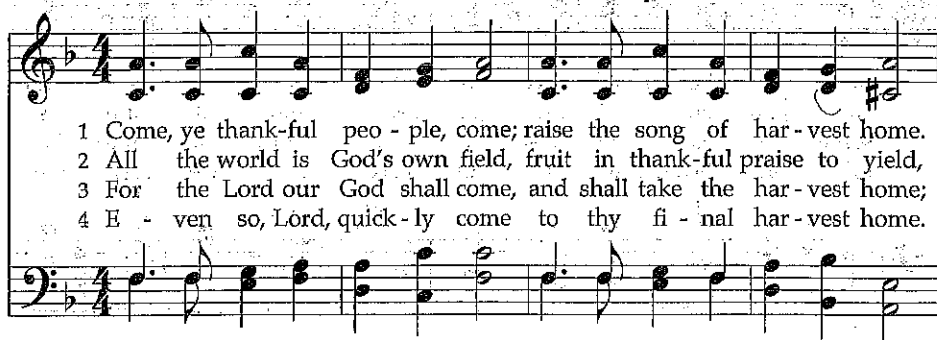
***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

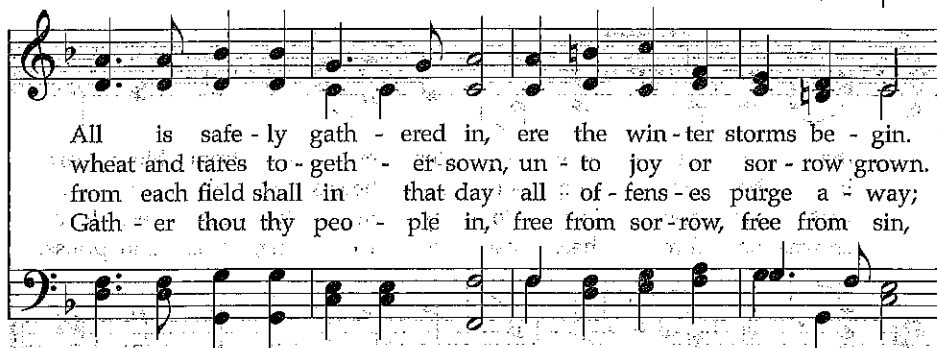
***Please rise, in body or spirit.**



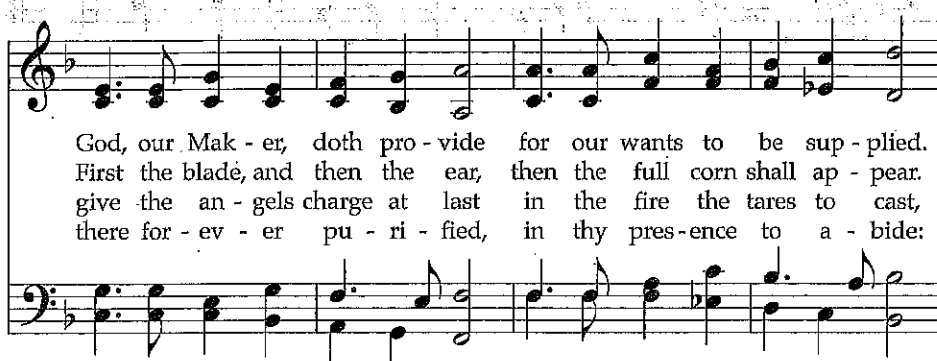
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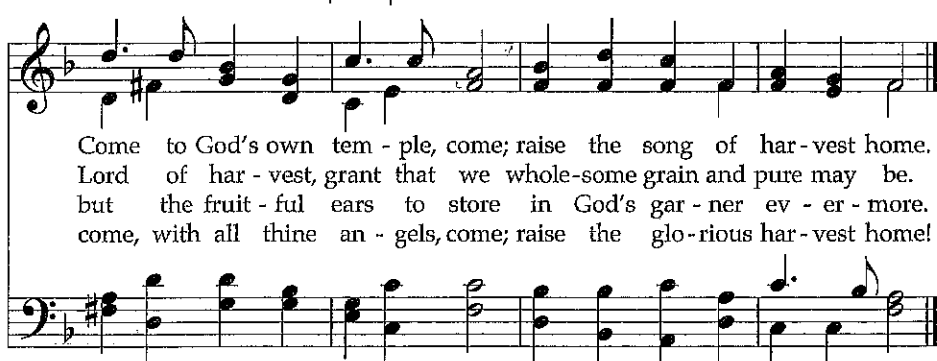
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.



All is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
 wheat and tares to- geth- er sown, un- to joy or sor- row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of- fens- es purge a- way;
 Gath- er thou thy peo- ple in, free from sor- row, free from sin,



God, our Mak- er, doth pro- vide for our wants to be sup- plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap- pear.
 give the an- gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for- ev- er pu- ri- fied, in thy pres-ence to a- bide:



Come to God's own tem-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in God's gar-ner ev-er-more.
 come, with all thine an- gels, come; raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

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- 1 O Sav-ior, in this qui-et place, where an-y one may kneel,
 2 If pain of bod-y, stress of mind, de-stroys my in-ward peace,
 3 If self up-on its sick-ness feeds and turns my life to gall,
 4 You nev-er said "You ask too much" to an-y trou-bled soul.



- I al-so come to ask for grace, be-liev-ing you can heal.
 in prayer for oth-ers may I find the se-cret of re-lease.
 let me not brood up-on my needs, but sim-ply tell you all.
 I long to feel your heal-ing touch; will you not make me whole?

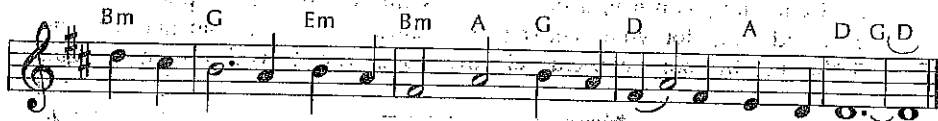


- 5 But if the thing I most desire
 is not your way for me,
 may faith, when tested in the fire,
 prove its integrity.
- 6 Of all my prayers, may this be chief:
 till faith is fully grown,
 Lord, disbelieve my unbelief,
 and claim me as your own.

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- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest.
 do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
 Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
 Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28-30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.