



First United Methodist Church  
Building A Village of Faith  
***November 22, 2020 – Worship, 11:00 AM***

**Worship Theme:** We emphasize the “thanks” in “Thanksgiving” this Sunday, having emphasized “giving” last Sunday. We also recognize that being grateful has a lot to do with being a whole person. While we certainly honor God by applying our talents, skills, and gifts to our circumstances – and most often reap the rewards of our labor – we know we brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing from it. Being grateful to God for everything in our lives positions us, then, to experience God’s deep peace, His shalom, because we stand before Him with humble, not entitled, hearts.

*“I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; ... I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;” – Psalm 138:1a, 2a [NRSV]*

\* It is customary to stand at these times; however, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

**Words of Welcome & Greeting**

Pastor Steve

**Prelude**

“We Gather Together”  
Karen Ray, piano/organ

**Lani Smith**

**\* Call to Worship**

Lisa Burns

Leader: This day, let us ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit.

**People: That we might sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs among ourselves!**

Leader: This hour, let us ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit.

**People: That we might make music to the LORD in our hearts!**

Leader: This moment, let us ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit.

**People: That we might give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

[Adapted from Ephesians 5:18-20]

**\* Hymn of Celebration I**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”, vv. 1-2

UMH #694

<b>* Opening Prayer (Aloud in Unison)</b>		Lisa Burns
<p>God of peace, God of love, God who desires for your people to be whole in every way, let us come before you in worship this day with humble hearts – poor in spirit – knowing of our need for you. Let us be thankful, knowing it gives you great pleasure to meet our need for you, as parents delight in meeting the needs of their children. And may we find in our thankfulness, your <i>Shalom</i> – peace that passes all understanding – guarding our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.</p>		
<b>* Hymn of Celebration II</b>	“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”, vv. 3-4	UMH #694
<b>Children’s Message</b>	Video Clip	Anna Aleksa
<b>Choral Anthem</b>	“This Is My Father’s World” Sanctuary Choir	arr. Strite
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Psalm 100 [NLT]	Lisa Burns
<b>Message:</b>	“ <i>Giving Thanks</i> as an Expression of <i>Shalom</i> ”	Pastor Steve
<b>Congregational Prayer w/ The Lord’s Prayer</b>	Provided by Members of the Congregation	
✠ <b>A Litany of Thanksgiving</b>		
<b>Time for Reflection &amp; Response</b>	“Now Thank We All Our God”	<b>Lloyd Larson</b>
<b>Doxology</b>	“We Gather Together”, vv. 1 & 3	UMH #131
<b>* Going Forth in Song</b>	“Now Thank We All Our God”	UMH #102
<b>* Benediction</b>		Pastor Steve
<b>Postlude</b>	“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”	<b>D. E. Wagner</b>



### Altar Flowers

Today’s altar flowers are given by Tana and Roger Foote.

### Prayers for Our People & Beyond

- Rev. Elizabeth McVicker, our District Superintendent who had spinal surgery on 11/9. Successful surgery; full recovery expected in the next 4-6 weeks.
- Anouk Olson fell at home on 11/1 which resulted in hip replacement surgery. She is recovering at home. Cards can be sent to her at 1509 Clarkton St., Mack, CO 81525
- Bette Martin had surgery 10/29. She is recovering at home. Cards can be sent to her at 483 Seasons Ct., GJ 81507
- For our country, our state, and our community as the outcome of the election plays out.

*To add someone to the phone prayer chain, please call Peggy Price at 242-4206.*

**Thank you for participating in our worship service today.  
We hope you continue to be with us!**