

# First United Church

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Sunday, October 10, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Purpose: Building Relationships,  
Living God's Transforming Love.

## Gathering

**Prelude:** Now Thank We All Our God

*Paul Manz*

## Welcome and Lighting of the Candles

**Introit** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (vs 1)

VU 516

- **Call to Worship**

Children of our one Creator, disciples of the Christ, dancers in the Spirit – let us journey together  
**as neighbours, siblings in Christ, and friends.**

Living with respect in creation, carried to places of dreaming and challenge, called to love God, self,  
and all others – let us journey together

**as neighbours, siblings in Christ, and friends.**

As people of gratitude, let us be thankful for all we've been given; as people of grace, let us celebrate  
all that is a gift of God; as people of generosity, let us share what we have with others in need – let us  
journey together

**as neighbours, siblings in Christ, and friends.**

And with our gratitude, our grace, our generosity, and our togetherness --

**let us worship God!**

- **Hymn** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

VU 227

- **Prayer of Approach**

Generous, bountiful God, Source of growth in creation,

**who every year gives us a harvest, we turn to you in the midst of gathering in your goodness,  
in the midst of the joys and splendours of this colourful season, to offer thanks for our many,  
many blessings. May our time of worship yet wrap us in blessing, enfold us in your presence  
and transforming power, and inspire our journeys of faith as we gather together blanketed in  
your grace, mercy, and love. Amen.**

## All Ages Time:

**Hymn:** "Grateful, for the Life You Give Us"

MV 182

## Time of Offering – Why I Give - Andy

### Prayer of Dedication

For what we are able to receive, make us truly thankful, O God.

**For all we are able to give, make us thankful too. Grateful for all that we are and have, and for all that we might yet become, let us continue to live thankful lives, to grow our generosity and sharing, to be empowered by your Spirit for ministry and mission. God of all creation bless our offerings this day. Amen**

**Scripture Lessons: Acts 4:32-37; John 1:9-18** (Reader: Sharon Gowland)

Herein is wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Ministry of Music:** “All Good Gifts” from Godspell, S. Schwartz  
soloist: Karen McLeod,

**Sermon:** “Grace Upon Grace Unending”

**Call to Prayer** “We Give Our Thanks to God” (verse 1 and 5) MV 187

### Prayers of the People

#### The 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, the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

• **Hymn** “Now Thank We All Our God” VU 236

• **Commissioning and Blessing**

**Postlude** Nun Danket (Now Thank We All Our God) Sigfrid Karg-Elert