

# COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Barboursville – Lesage Area Churches

Steele Memorial United Methodist Church – November 24, 2019

PSALM OF ASCENT Psalm 122:1-2 Pastor Kevin Lantz

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
And now here we are, standing inside your gates, O Jerusalem!

Steele Memorial United Methodist Church

CALL TO WORSHIP Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Charles Mays  
Cox Landing United Methodist Church

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

READING OF THE PSALMS Psalm 95:1-6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [congregation joins on bold print]

We have gathered to give thanks, but as we do, we acknowledge that our response to abundance has been less than it should be.

Sometimes we have been impersonal in our response, crediting only good luck.

Sometimes we have been prideful in our response, crediting only ourselves.

Sometimes we have been selfish, keeping too much for ourselves.

Sometimes we have been indifferent, going our way without any appreciation.

Sometimes we have been irresponsible, squandering and misusing.

Sometimes we have been ungrateful, complaining that we do not have enough.  
Forgive us, generous Lord, for our failures,  
And teach us to be genuinely thankful.

## SILENT PRAYER

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Thanks be to God; Amen!

Psalm 86:15

## WITNESSES OF GRATITUDE

Rev. Kerry Bart  
Barboursville First United Methodist Church

- For what are you thankful this year?
- How have you grown in your faith?
- What experiences have brought you closer to God and to those in your Church or community?

## EVENING OFFERING

\*HYMN No. 694 (vs. 1-3) Come Ye Thankful People, Come

SPECIAL MUSIC: Community Choir We Are So Blessed

SERMON "Giving Thanks" Rev. Carl Ames

John 6:24-35 Christ the King Lutheran Church

## EVENING PRAYER

\*CLOSING SONG No. 102 Now Thank We All Our God

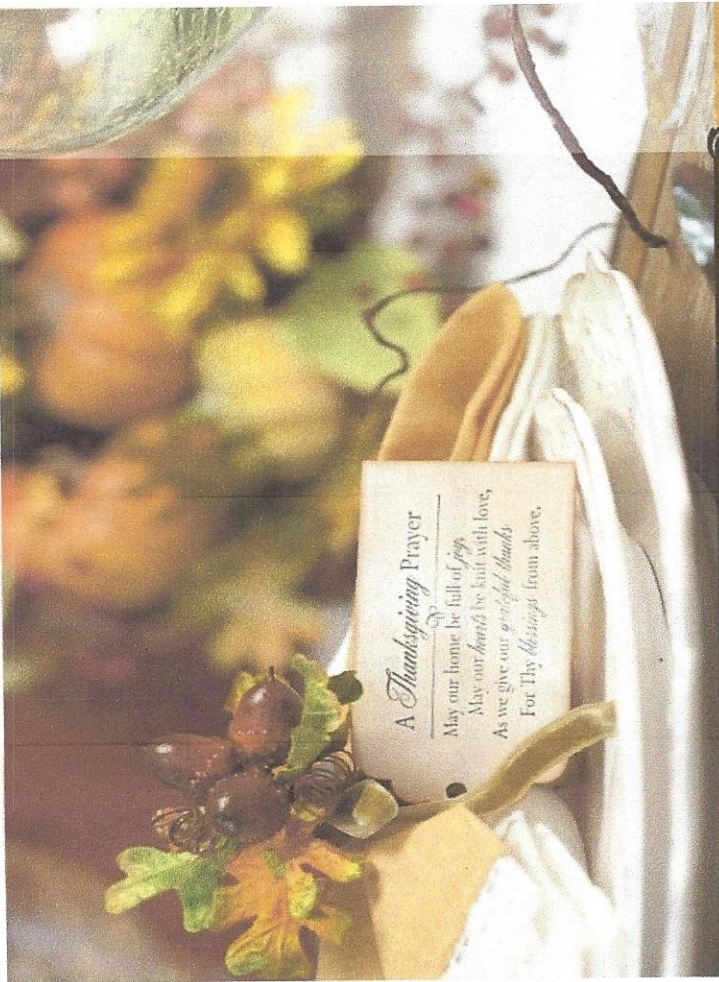
## \*BENEDICTION





I WILL RECOUNT  
 THE GRACIOUS  
 DEEDS OF THE  
 LORD ...  
 BECAUSE OF  
 ALL THAT THE  
 LORD HAS DONE  
 FOR US ...

ISAIAH 63:7, NRSV



*A Thanksgiving Prayer*  
 May our home be full of joy,  
 May our hearts be built with love,  
 As we give our grateful thanks  
 For Thy blessings from above.

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good,  
 whose mercy endures forever.  
 Ps 106:1

