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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are  
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      November 24, 2013**

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## **THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### **Ring the Bell**

### **\*Greeting One Another**

### **Centering Music**

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Early Quaker Song

Bradley Duckstein, tenor, Tom Meyer, classical guitar

*Allow the music to help you focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.*

### **Opening Prayer**

\***Opening Sentences** (Psalm 118:1, Hebrews 12:28, John 14:18-19)

**Cong'l Response: Rejoice in the goodness of God!**

\***Gathering Song** NCH #422 "Come, O Thankful People, Come"

St. George's Windsor

### **Silent Reflection**

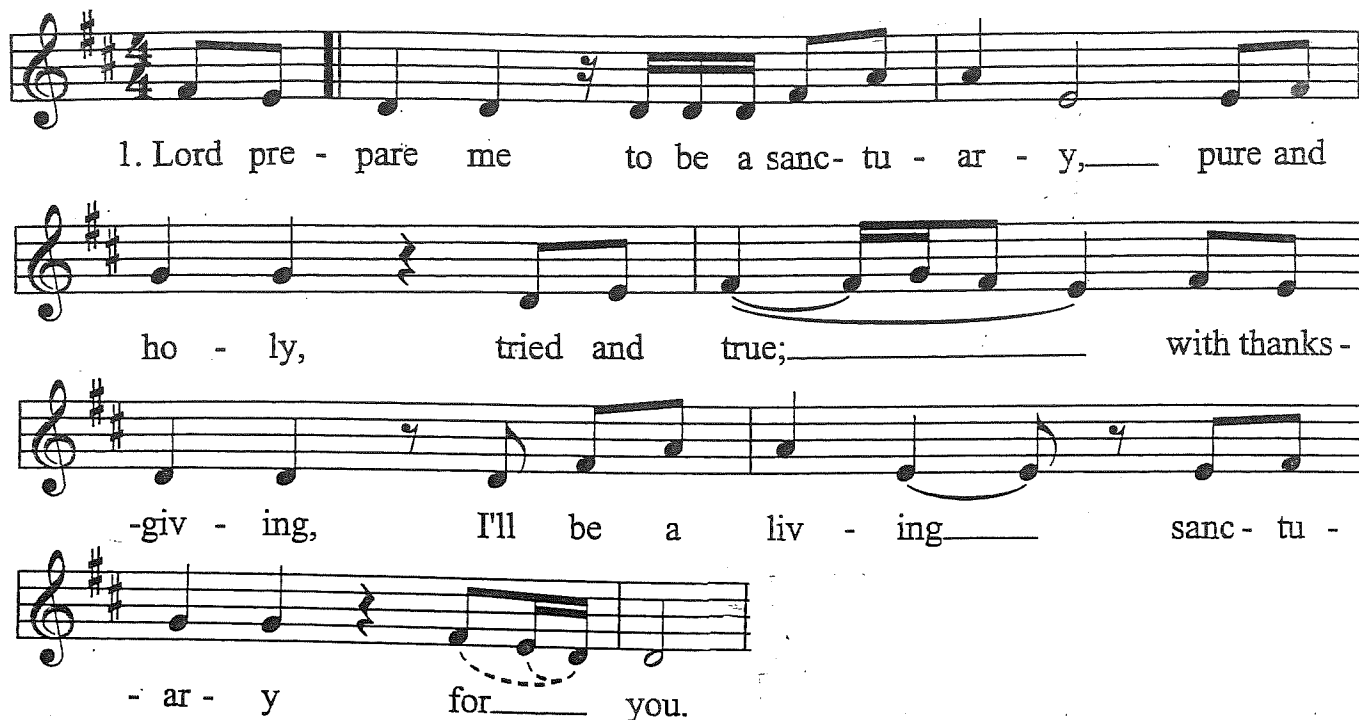
## Readings from the Bible

- Psalm 30 [read responsively] (p. 621-622 in the OT of your pew Bibles)
- Luke 15:11-32 (p. 95-96 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

## Sung Response

"Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary"

Thompson & Scruggs



1. Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks -  
-giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu -  
- ar - y for you.

## Children's Message

"We Give Thanks"

Hannah Hannover

## Prayers of the People

*You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.*

## Pastoral Prayer

*The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen". The Lord's Prayer has been moved to the Communion liturgy.*

## Offering of Gifts

"The Thanksgiving Table"  
Chancel Choir

Roger Thornhill & Brad Nix

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**Spirit of openness and affirmation, we dedicate these gifts to the ministry of love and acceptance in this world. May we ever seek to use all of our resources to create a world and a church where all are welcome and honored, loved and fully known. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who welcomed everyone to his table. Amen.**

\*Song NCH #332

"As We Gather at Your Table"

BEACH SPRING

**Invitation to Communion**

**Institution Narrative**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which each group should pray together.*

**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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Hearty Eucharist Celebration**

"Willow and Snowflight"  
Tom Meyer, classical guitar

Andrew York

**Sermon**

"Love and Openness"

Rev. Jonathan Page

**Prayer**

**\*Song NCH #76**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

THE ASH GROVE

**\*Parting Blessing**

**Sending Music**

***Today's Worship Leaders***

Liturgist: Terry Potter

Preacher: Rev. Jonathan Page

Children & Youth Minister: Hannah Hannover

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

**Next Week Sunday, Dec. 1:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages:

Children's Sunday School: Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (grades K-6) Feeding the 5000

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room

Learning Center (FH) - No Program

Sermon: "Advent Themes: Hope" Rev. Jonathan Page

Texts: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

**Welcome!** We welcome all who worship here today. Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our fellowship pads.

**In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ,** we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

**Nursery Care:** We welcome children to stay during our worship service...in fact, we enjoy it! However, if you or your child(ren) would like to use our nursery, there are qualified child care providers during worship for infants and children through Kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building. A parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

**Bell Ringing for Peace every Wednesday:** Join us at 12:10 p.m. in the UCC bell tower to ring the bell for peace and pray for worldwide peace. The Ames UCC is a just peace church.

**To Contact The Reverend Jonathan C. Page:**

During regular office hours or at any time, if the matter is not urgent, call the church. Please leave a message if The Reverend Jonathan C. Page is not available. If it is an emergency, don't hesitate to call his cell phone at 203-815-3816.

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