

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service - 24 November 2010 at 7 PM

Harvesting Thanks

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

Worshippers' offerings of canned and dry good items may be placed in the basket in the Narthex

PRELUDE *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*
DON MCGUIRE, Organist

WORDS OF WELCOME FROM HOST PASTOR - REVEREND DAVID BURGESON

† OPENING HYMN *We Gather Together*

***We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.***

***Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!***

***We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be;
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!***

PSALM 100 *(congregational response in bold)* FATHER VICTOR ABEGG

ONE: Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

ALL: **Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.**

ONE: Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

ALL: **Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.**

ONE: For the Lord is good; His loving-kindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.

EPISTLE READING PHILIPPIANS 4: 4 – 7 PASTOR BYUNG D. MIN

HANDBELL ANTHEM *How Majestic Is Your Name*
'GRANDE RINGERS' - LEONARD LUTZ, Director

GOSPEL READING JOHN 6: 1 – 13 FATHER KEN BROWN

FESTIVE HYMN *Come Ye Thankful People Come* (Vs 1&2)
***Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.***
***All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.***

MESSAGE *Saying 'Yes' to the Impossible*
PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

FESTIVE HYMN *Come Ye Thankful People Come* (Vs 3)
***For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving
angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.***

THANKSGIVING OFFERING DONATION TO THE FOOD BANK OF SOUTH CO.
'SHARING THE PURPOSE AND NEED'
ROB COGHILL, Operation Manager of the South County SLO Food Bank

OFFERING SONG *Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart*
***Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He has given Jesus Christ His son. (twice)***
***And now let the weak say, 'I am strong', let the poor say, 'I am
rich because of what the Lord has done for us!'***
***Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He has given Jesus Christ His son. Give
thanks, give thanks.***

PRAYER OF THANKS FROM THE PEOPLE REV. RANDY OUIMETTE
SHARE SOME BLESSINGS YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOD, AND HOW YOU HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO PASS THEM ON TO OTHERS — A KIND OF 'PAY IT FORWARD'

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *We Will Give Thanks* THE COMBINED CHOIRS
JULIE BURNS, *Director*

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING (*see insert*) REV. VALERIE VALLE

HANDBELL ANTHEM *We Gather Together*
'GRANDE RINGERS' - LEONARD LUTZ, *Director*

BENEDICTION PASTOR EUGINA GAMBLE

CLOSING WORDS OF APPRECIATION AND INVITATION FOR REFRESHMENTS

† **CLOSING HYMN** *For the Beauty of The Earth*
***For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love
which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee
we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***
***For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends
on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***
***For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in
heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise.***

POSTLUDE *Procession For Thanksgiving*
DON MCGUIRE, *Organist*

JOIN US IN THE HALL FOR FELLOWSHIP AND A TIME OF REFRESHMENT

MANY THANKS TO THESE PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS:

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE
SAINT PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, *ARROYO GRANDE*
SAINT BARNABAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, *ARROYO GRANDE*
SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, *ARROYO GRANDE*
SAINT PAUL'S APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH, *PISMO BEACH*
NIPOMO COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, *NIPOMO*
GRACE KOREAN CHURCH, *ARROYO GRANDE*
NIPOMO SHEPHERD OF HOPE, *NIPOMO*

ALSO SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO:

USHERS: WAYNE HUGGINS; MIKE & LINDA HERBER; NORM HENDERSON
SOUND: MIKE COHO

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

ONE: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

MANY: **We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

MANY: **We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

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ONE: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

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ONE: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

MANY: **We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

MANY: **We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

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ONE: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

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ONE: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

MANY: **To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

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