



**First Reformed Church, Schenectady**  
Those worshipping in person must wear masks, social distance, and not sing.

**Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**November 22, 2020**

**Liturgist: Daniel Carlson**  
**Preacher: Lynn Carman Bodden**  
**Church Musician: Max Caplan**  
**Special Music: Dan Gleason**  
**Hymns: Christine Walthers**

**Prelude** *Lilacs* Kyle A. Peters

**Greeting and Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn** *We Gather Together* 559

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, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

**\*Our Need for God (unison)**

**God of constant blessing, when we are not grateful  
for people who have cared for us, loved us, helped us,  
for those who have gone before, giving us faith and future,  
for the resilience and patient support of our bodies,**

**Forgive us.**

**When we are thankful in our hearts,  
but not aloud, or with our actions.**

**Forgive us.**

**When we lavish appreciation on others,  
and doubt our own worthiness and gifts,**

**Forgive us.**

**As we turn our lives to you, plant in us a deep root of gratitude. Amen.**

**\*God's Forgiving Love**

**\*Response of Praise (hummed)**

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

**\*Affirmation of Faith (Our Song of Hope)**

**The Holy Spirit builds one church,  
united in one Lord and one hope,  
with one ministry around one table.  
The Spirit calls all believers in Jesus  
to respond in worship together,  
to accept all the gifts from the Spirit ,  
to learn from each other's traditions,  
to make unity visible on earth.**

**Come Lord Jesus:**

**We are open to your Spirit.**

**We await your full presence.**

**Our world finds rest in you alone.**

**\*Sharing Christ's Peace**

**Children's Message**

**Special Music** *Katamiya Emmanuel Sejourne*

**Introduction to the Scripture**

**First Reading** *Deuteronomy 8:7-18*

**Second Reading** *2 Corinthian 9:6-15*

**Sermon** "*Abundance*"

**Musical Offering** *Nimbus Kyle A. Peters*

**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 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.**

**\*Closing Hymn** *For the Fruit of All Creation 553*

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God;  
For the gifts of every nation, Thanks be to God;  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God;  
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God;  
For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

## COVID Safety Protocols

As part of our COVID Safety protocols, our doors are open for specific times to allow entrance to worship, Jazz Vespers, the lunch program and other events, and they are only open for a short period after the events begin so that everyone can be checked in and health screenings filled out if necessary.

Doors are open for:

- Sunday morning worship from 9:30am until 10:10am. (Julia Etkin can admit you if you arrive later.)
- Thanksgiving Jazz Vespers from 3:45pm until 5:10pm (This will allow people to go outside between sets.)
- Wednesday lunch from 12:00pm until 1:00pm.

## Thanksgiving Offering

Our 2020 Thanksgiving Offering is a way to make sure all families in our community will enjoy a bountiful feast on Thanksgiving. Monies collected will be sent to Concerned for the Hungry to assist in this massive effort. Give online at [1streformed.com](http://1streformed.com).



### Elders

Joanne Arnold, Senior Elder  
Barbara Mancuso, Senior Elder  
Sally Bestgen  
Carol DeLaMarter  
Karen Gonda  
Laura Lee  
Adam Mason  
Amanda Potter  
Florence Reed  
Kate Rose

### Deacons

Sarah Bachorik  
Bill Brooks  
Caroline Brooks  
Dave Bundy  
Christine Daniels  
Lian Drisgula  
Dave Hjelm  
Christina Jones  
Sharron McCullough  
Brandon Stabler

### Ministers

Lynn Carman Bodden, Interim Senior Minister  
Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister

### Other Officers

Catherine Lewis, Treasurer  
Joanne Bedell, Clerk