

Peace United Church of Christ



Worship Resources for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 19, 2023 Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome

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.

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!

Prayer of Invocation

***With gratitude and praise we come to worship!
God, you have provided innumerable blessings,
your presence and care in times of challenge,
and your abiding love always.
Help us to live our gratitude with kind concern,
willing hearts and a generous spirit.
Thank you, God! Amen***

Scripture Reading

I Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us, With Thy Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful, To the truth may we be found.

Benediction & Sending Forth