



*An Open and Affirming Congregation  
of The United Church of Christ*



## Order of Worship for

November 24, 2024      10:30 am

**Welcome to Worship at Center Church!**  
We are delighted that you are with us today.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
REIGN OF CHRIST – THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE Now Thank We All Our God

S. Karg-Elert

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*by Debrah McKnight*

One: We gather in Abundance, away from the rush and the race,  
to celebrate the generous spirit that sings, without fear, “May all have enough.”

**All: We gather to live into the work of God’s call.**

One: We gather in Grace, awake to the sin of despair and degradation,  
awake to the chance to be more  
and the possibilities seeded within.

**All: We gather to grow:  
to change moment by moment,  
in grace again and again.**

One: We gather in Hope, ready to do more than talk,  
ready to make change one letter, one meal, one home, one gift, and one hand at a time.  
Ready to live and move and be.  
Ready to be the Change God calls us to be.

**All: We gather to give of our time and our talents, of our hopes and our energy.  
We gather to be.**

\*OPENING HYMN NCH 422 Come, O Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*What is your favorite Thanksgiving side dish?*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Congregation sings:*

***Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja (3X) Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja!***

Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE Daniel 7:1-10  
Revelation 1: 4-8

SERMON *Monsters and Resistance Stories*

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE Thanksgiving Joy  
*Center Church Choir*

J. J. Martin

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**DEDICATING OUR PLEDGES / CALL TO OFFERING**

***“Freely we give, freely we have received.”***

*During our offertory, please come forward with your offerings and the stone you were handed at the beginning of worship; place them in the basket on the communion table. On one side of the stone, we invite you to write how you share your time, talent, and treasure with Center Church. On the other side, we invite you to write one of the many ways you have been blessed.*

OFFERTORY Great is Thy Faithfulness

W. Runyan

*Chris Dukes, soloist*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, you heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!***

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)**

**Faithful God,  
let these gifts we present to you today  
become seeds of your new creation:  
planted in the needs of the world you love;  
watered by tears and hope;  
fed and strengthened by the glow of Christ's resurrection;  
gathered home with joy and singing. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN (*Insert*) Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NCH 419 Now Thank We All Our God (verse 1)

ORGAN POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach / V. Fox

*Thank you to everyone who participated in today's worship!*

*Please stay after worship for our Annual Budget Meeting,  
to be held immediately after worship in the Meetinghouse.*

