

An Open and Affirming Congregation of The United Church of Christ



Order of Worship for

November 23, 2025 10:30 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 23, 2025 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – THE REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

*Please rise in body or spirit.

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE We Thank Thee

D. Buxtehude

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*†

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In thanksgiving, we gather to praise you, O God!

All: For all of your abundant blessings we thank you, O God.

For the love of Christ, who reveals your presence to us, we praise you.

For your grace and your love, and for the reign of Christ, we thank you, O God.

For your call to serve you, your cry for mercy and justice that raises us to action, we thank you.

In the power of your Spirit alive in us, shining with your light, we worship you.

*OPENING HYMN NCH 422 Come Ye Thankful People, Come ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Ms. Ebony McMillan

Children are dismissed to classrooms as the congregation sings...

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah, Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah, Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah! SOLO Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. R. Walters

Emily Gillespie, soloist

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1: 68-79

SERMON "Zechariah's Song"

The Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE NCH 421 We Gather Together

KREMSER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY For the Beauty of the Earth

J. Rutter

Center Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY NCH 780

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

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this City. We ask this through your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NCH 419 Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God

S. Karg-Elert

Thank you to everyone who participated in worship. Go in Peace!