

A Service of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 23, 2008

Prelude *Dine* traditional

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Stephen Kendrick

***Hymn # 67** We Sing Now Together KREMSER

Chalice Words and Presenting of The Gift Robin Tanner
(Celtic Ritual)

Time For All Ages "Can We Talk?" Ruth Owen

***Hymn # 123** Spirit of Life

Anthem *Simple Gifts* arr. Aaron Copland (1900-1990)
*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to
come down where we ought to be, And when we find ourselves in
the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gain'd, To bow and to bend we shan't
be asham'd, To turn, turn will be our delight, Till by
turning, turning we come round right.*

Meditation Tim House

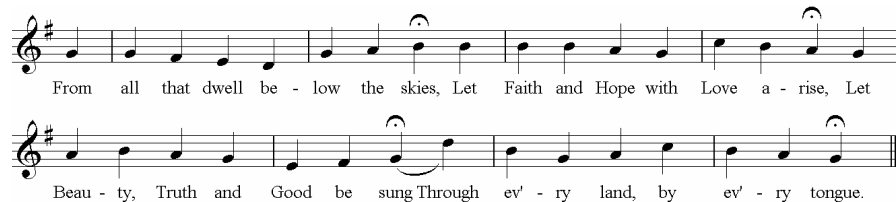
Prayer Robin Tanner

Offertory *All Good Gifts* Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)
Chris Mahoney, tenor soloist, Bob Winkley, piano

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, But it is fed
and watered by God's almighty hand. he sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain, The breezes and the sunshine and
soft refreshing rain. All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven
above. Then thank the Lord for all His love.*

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***Doxology**



From all that dwell be - low the skies, Let Faith and Hope with Love a - rise, Let
Beau - ty, Truth and Good be sung Through ev' - ry land, by ev' - ry tongue.

Meditation “Simple Gifts” Rev. Stephen Kendrick

***Hymn # 16** Tis a Gift to Be Simple (sung twice)

Benediction

Postlude *Dakota's Song* traditional

*As you are able, please stand.

Special thanks to today's guest musician, Geoffrey Running Bear Evans.

Large type hymnals, including responsive readings, are available as you enter the Sanctuary

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the narthex.
Visitors are invited to take a blue cup so that we may recognize and
welcome you.**

Childcare for any age child is in the John Winthrop School.

Due to recent incidents, please do not leave valuable personal property on the coat rack.
We cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen property.

Events and Information
(please see your newsletter for details)

Sunday, November 23

12:00 pm, Singing Society Rehearsal,
Sanctuary

12:30 pm, Finding Yourself @ First Church,
Hale Chapel

Monday, November 24

6:00 pm, Purls of Wisdom Knitting Group,
Parlor

6:30 pm, The David Saga, Hale Chapel

Tuesday, November 25

6:00 pm, Zen Meditation Group, Hale
Chapel

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day, Church Office Closed
Thanksgiving Community Dinner

7:00 pm, Young Adults Group, Hale Chapel

Friday, November 28

Day After Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 30

10:30 am, Children's Singing Society
Rehearsal, Sanctuary

12:00 pm, Singing Society Rehearsal,
Sanctuary

Monday, December 1

2:00 pm, Women's Spirituality Group,
Parlor

6:30 pm, The David Saga, Conference Room

6:30, Women's Spirituality Group, Parlor

6:30, Women's Spirituality Group, Hale
Chapel

Thursday, December 4

5:00 pm, Festive and Fabulous Holiday Tea,
Parlor

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Alto: Carola Emrich-Fisher,
Christina English, Roberta
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Tenor: Ethan Bremner, Chris
Mahoney, Larry Phillips

Bass: David Frieze, Bill Thorpe,
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