

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 21st, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Sunday

26th Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE *Toccata in D minor* J.S. Bach

GREETING & CENTERING

WELCOMING THE LIGHT INTO OUR MIDST

(The Congregation sings “*We Are the Church*” #558, UMH)

*I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we’re the church together!*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader and People)

All: From the color drenched leaves to the rain drenched street

One: with our lips, with our whole hearts, with our hands, with our feet –

All: we sing out, “Hallelujah!” we shout out, “Thanks be to God!”

One: For all that we were.

All: For all that we are.

One: For all that we become.

All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

One: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

All: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

One: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude. So, together we shout.

All: Hallelujah! AMEN!

* HYMN “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*” # 694, UMH
(vs 1 & 2)

LIFE & WORK OF FREMONT FIRST CHURCH

(A time for announcements and passing the peace of Christ.)

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Gracious God, we gather to give thanks to you with our whole hearts.

You have created us in your own image and sent us here at FUMC to grow in faith and to love one another. In You we become everything you have made us to be!

Give us a glimpse of the connectedness within which we live.

We give you thanks for sending us to this community not only to belong, but to also serve and be a part of your bodily presence in the world. May we find the joy of being a part of our journey in faith with all our friends as we do our part in our lives.

(Please add your own prayers in silence.)

Amen.

GIVING CAMPAIGN WRAP-UP

Wholehearted Hokey Pokey

*You put your two hands in, you put your two hands out,
you put your two hands in, and you busy them about;
you do the things that Jesus said and help each other out,
that's what it's all about.*

*You do wholehearted living, you do wholehearted giving,
you do wholehearted thanksgiving, that's what it's all about.*

*You put your whole mind in, you put your whole mind out,
you put your whole mind in, and you hear each other out;
you do the things that Jesus said and contemplate, no doubt,
that's what it's all about.*

*You do wholehearted living, you do wholehearted giving,
you do wholehearted thanksgiving, that's what it's all about.*

*You put your whole heart in, you put your whole heart out,
you put your whole heart in, and you share it all about;
you do the things that Jesus said and pray and praise and shout,
that's what it's all about.*

*You do wholehearted living, you do wholehearted giving,
you do wholehearted thanksgiving, that's what it's all about.*

*You put your whole self in, you put your whole self out,
you put your whole self in, and you live and give thru-out;
you do the things that Jesus said and pray and praise and shout,
that's what it's all about.*

*You do wholehearted living, you do wholehearted giving,
you do wholehearted thanksgiving, that's what it's all about.*

Prayer of Dedication

One: We dedicate our gifts to you, O God

All: Help us to use them to glorify you; to be vessels of your work in this world.

One: We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.

All: Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year.

One: Use us, O God, to do your work in this world.

All: Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in our service.

One: We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

HYMN *“Bless Thou the Gifts”* #587, UMH

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *“O Word of God”* Taize Song

SCRIPTURE READING:

Romans 12: 4-8 (pg 922)

Colossians 3:12-17 (pg 958)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *“Wholehearted Thanksgiving”* Pastor Youngmi Jung

HYMN *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”* TFWS # 2026-a

OFFERTORY *Fantasy on “Now Thank We All Our God”* Archer

* DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #94, UMH

* HYMN *“Give Thanks”* TFWS # 2036

BENEDICTION

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE *Allegro* Vivaldi
 from *Concerto for Two Trumpets*

FELLOWSHIP

(You are invited to stand)*

WORSHIP LEADER	Connie S
MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST	Brent P
SONG LEADER	Brent P
SCRIPTURE READER	Mere P
USHERS	Chris & Wendy R
ZOOM COORDINATOR	Pete Z
COMPUTER & A/V SUPPORT	
Paul F (AV), Pete Z (projectionist), and Donna P (slides)	

This week's altar flowers are from Bill and Martha C celebrating granddaughter Nicole's marriage to Shane