Thanksgiving

at CUCC

Columbia United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 22, 2026



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November 22, 2026 ***10:30 a.m.*** ***"Thanksgiving"***

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

"You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness."
-Psalm 65:11

Welcome and Greetings/Invocation Pastor Rick

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" Tim Guillaume
Johann Kruger/Arr. Guillaume

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 65)* Tricia Soncasie

O God, by Your strength you established the mountains;
You silence the roaring of the seas and the tumult of Your people.

We will be satisfied by the goodness of God's House.
Happy are those who choose to be near God.

God, You crown the year with Your bounty;
Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The bounty of the earth is immeasurable;
God is awesome in deeds among mortals!
Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn "Come, O Thankful People, Come" *#422*

*Prayer Tricia Soncasie

God of all our blessings, we acknowledge that everything we have is a reflection of Your abundant grace. Forgive us for the times we forget to properly thank You for all You have done. Teach us to be thankful stewards, praising You in all that we do. Teach us to express generosity and extravagant hospitality. Help us to take the lessons of Your provision into the world and celebrate Your good bounty all year long. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick

God blesses us with abundance and calls us to express that abundance extravagantly in the world. But even when we forget God's call, God still loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Weave"

Weave, weave! Weave us together!
Weave us together in unity and love!
Weave, weave! Weave us together!
Weave us together, together in love!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Children's Time "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
(Sung as children return to their seats)

I have decided to follow Jesus!
I have decided to follow Jesus!
I have decided to follow Jesus!
No turning back, no turning back!

Mission Moment VAC Holiday Program Mahree Skala

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23 Tricia Soncasie

The Apostle Paul gives thanks for the faith and love of the church in Ephesus. As he does, he encourages them to continue their ministry of service, embracing the wisdom of Jesus Christ. Page #949

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:34-40 Tricia Soncasie

Jesus tells a parable about service. He tells his followers that whenever you serve the neediest of Gods children, you serve God. Page #807

Anthem "We Gather Together" *Kremser*
Chapel Ringers & Tim Guillaume, piano

Sermon "The Least of These" Pastor Rick

*Hymn "Let All Things Now Living" *(insert)*

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer — Pastor Rick

The LORD'S Prayer

Creator God in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn — "For the Fruit of All Creation" — *#425*

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life — Pastor Rick

Invitation to the Offering

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory — Tim Guillaume

*Prayer of Dedication — Tricia Soncasie

God, You have made us stewards of all of the resources of Creation. We give our offerings to You knowing that all we have has come from You and that You will continue to provide. We lift these up as a sign of thanksgiving for Your love and care. Thank You, God, for all that we are, for all that we have, for all that we give. Amen.

*Benediction — Pastor Rick

*Response — "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!

Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

Postlude — Tim Guillaume

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Every year on November 20th, Transgender Day of Remembrance is recognized internationally to honor the memory of transgender and gender-nonconforming people who lost their lives to discriminatory violence. This day was originally founded in 1999 by transgender advocates Gwendolyn Ann Smith, Nancy Nangeroni, and Jahaira DeAlto to honor the life of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was murdered in 1998.

In November of 1999, the first Transgender Day of Remembrance was celebrated in Boston and San Francisco. Today, it is celebrated worldwide. A typical memorial will include reading the names of transgender and gender nonconforming people who have died within the past year. There may also be candlelight vigils, dedicated church services, marches, art shows, food drives, and film screenings.

The Human Rights Campaign has been tracking fatal violence against transgender and gender nonconforming people since 2013. They have reported at least 400 cases of fatal violence, noting that there is no way to know truly how many cases there actually are as a lot go unreported or misreported. Out of these reported cases, 70.4% of victims were people of color. 82.3% were transgender women. Gun violence is the leading cause of death in these attacks, with 71.2% of known victims since 2013 being killed with firearms.

> *"Every person deserves to feel safe, to be treated with dignity, and to live their truth without fear. The annual release of this crucial report, which honors the beloved members of the transgender and gender nonconforming community who have been taken from us in the past year, is a somber and devastating reminder of why our fight for that dream continues. This year, these deaths are punctuated by a political movement and powerful politicians who have fanned the flames of hate and are driving our trans siblings even further to the margins of society, all as part of a misguided, cynical attempt to divide and conquer the country."* -Kelley Robinson, HRC President

You can make plans to support trans members of your community. You can hold space to remember those who were lost this year. Take steps to educate yourself about transgender and non-binary people. Get to know the legacies of the trans people we have lost. Model correct pronoun and name use, and encourage those around you to do the same. You can make a difference.

-Kasper Ramirez, Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team

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Greeters:	Donna Marsh
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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Judi Privitt
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Online Giving

NURSERY CARE is available for children in kindergarten and younger in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS

It's your time to shine! Rehearsals for the Sunday School Christmas Program, which will be December 20 during worship, are going on each week! Rehearsals will be every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. during the Sunday School hour.

LENTEN PSALMS PROJECT

This year, we will be using Psalms as a focus for our Lenten Devotions- based on reflections we are asking ***YOU*** to write! To select a psalm and sign up, check out the display in the rear of the Sanctuary. If you want to choose a different psalm than the ones suggested, that is okay, too! Questions? Ask Pastor Rick.

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY - 11/28

The Advent Season begins next Sunday! We will be decorating the Sanctuary for the season THIS SATURDAY, 11/28 starting at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to come and lend a hand! It will be a joyous time for all as we ring in the season!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CHRISTMAS PARTY - 12/4

All Women of the church are invited to attend the Church Women United Christmas Party on 12/5! This is an ecumenical group of women from churches all across Columbia, united to share faith and fun. Come join us here at CUCC for the Christmas joy! Questions? Ask Melba Shaffer or Linda Evans.

ADVENT CANTATA/BANQUET - 12/13

This year's Advent Banquet is going to be incredible! We have a new caterer who has worked with Mary to come up with an amazing menu. Join us! To RSVP, sign up on the sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary, or use the link in the Friday email. A beautiful Cantata will be offered at 10:30 by our wonderful choir.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	11/22	Bible Study/Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Inclusion & Affirmation Meeting	12:00 p.m.
Mon	11/23	Scouting America	7:00 p.m.
Tue	11/24	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	11/28	Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent	9:00 a.m.
Sun	11/29	***First Sunday of Advent***	
		Bible Study/Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

The family of Mark Shaffer…on their loss
The family of Fred Wilke… on their loss (Alethea's father)

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our Partner in Education

All those whose lives are affected by state sanctioned terrorism...

Our US Military... deployed in the Middle East

In Hospice Care:
Jan Barry, Joyce Andersen (Aimee's mother-in-law),
Julie Roper (Alexandra's mother)

Health Issues:
Jeff Kies, Barry Kirchhoff, Glenn Duermeyer, Evie Marcks,
Julia Marsh, Becky Weston, Connie Fairley, Cody Kile, Dr. Ryan Link,
Kenny & Jane Holtgrewe (Marsha Posz's parents), Rev. Dale Parson
Cassandra Gartner (Edie's friend), Rev. Carolyn Held (Edie's niece),
Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's cousin),
Mary Jane Johnson (Joe Remeika's sister), Kay Kanger (Edie Diel's friend),
Jan Keithley (Donna Marsh's friend)

Challenges in Life:
Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, the Trout Family

Living in Assisted Living Facilities:
Jan Barry, Vernie Blank, Gary Ehrhardt

Living in Independent Living Facilities:
Sue Beckman, Linda Evans, Don Privitt, Walter & Patty Schroeder, Dean Barry

Serving us in the military:
Aaron Dachroeden, Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson,
Garrett Holtgrewe… (Marsha Posz's nephew)

If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up, please contact

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Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason
16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers,
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,
18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,
19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,,
21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

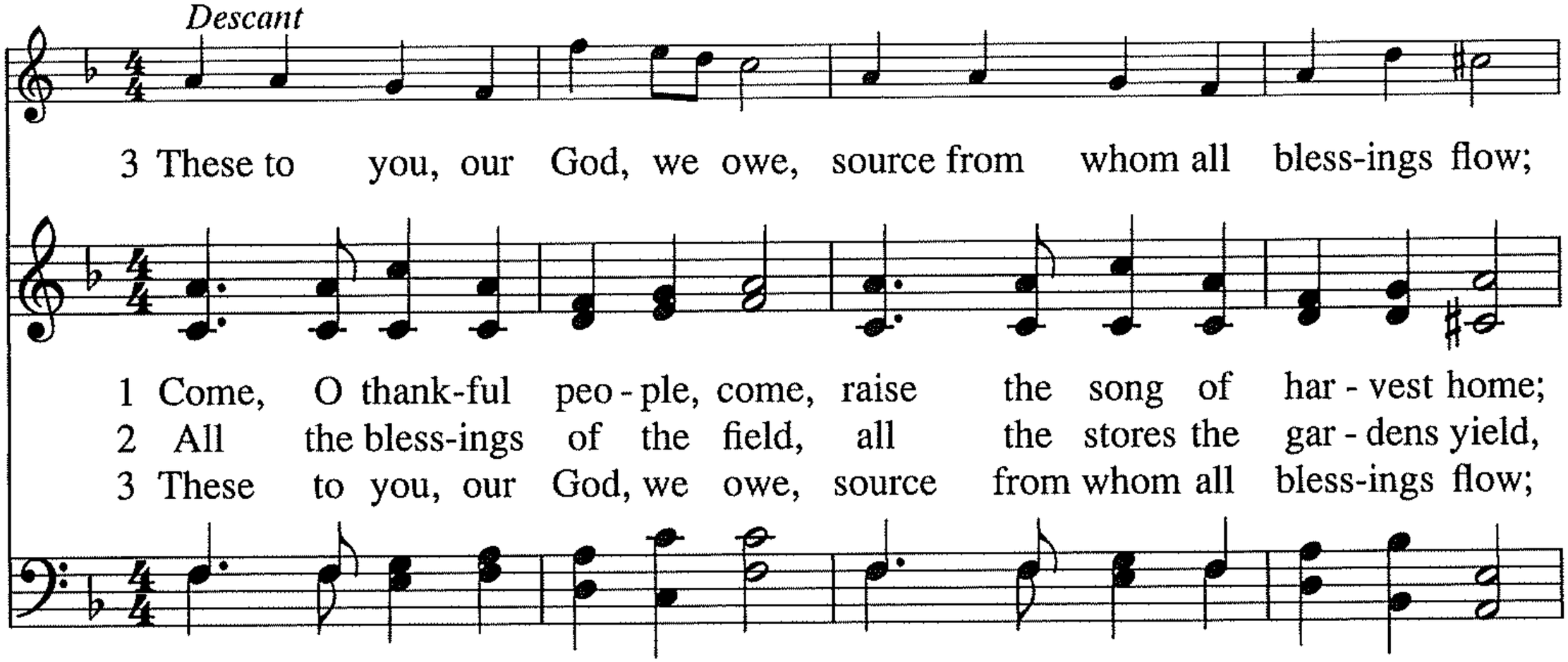
Matthew 25:34-40

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,
35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'
37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?
39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

422 Come, O Thankful People, Come

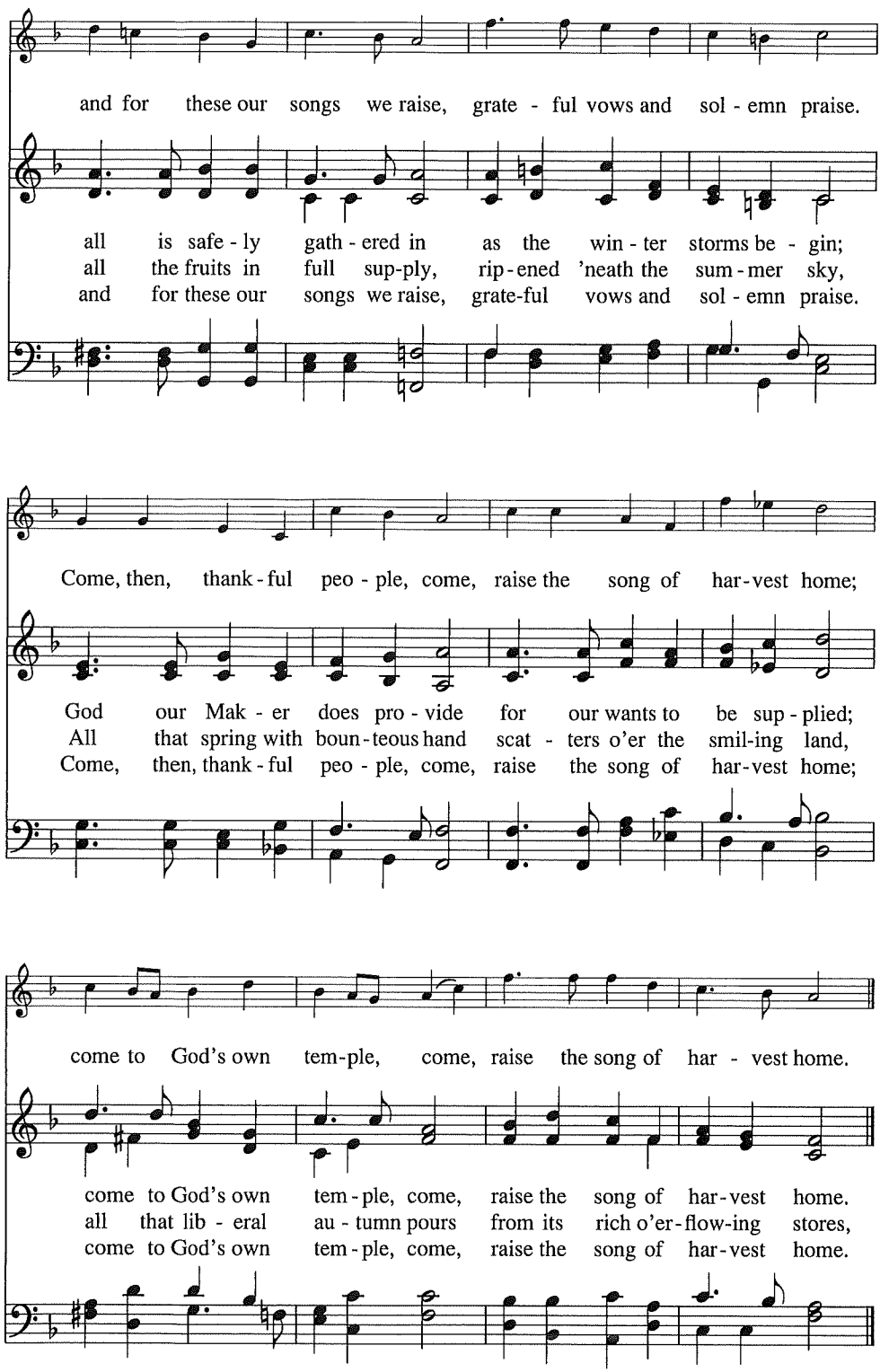
Exod. 23:16

St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt.
St. 2, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.
St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.

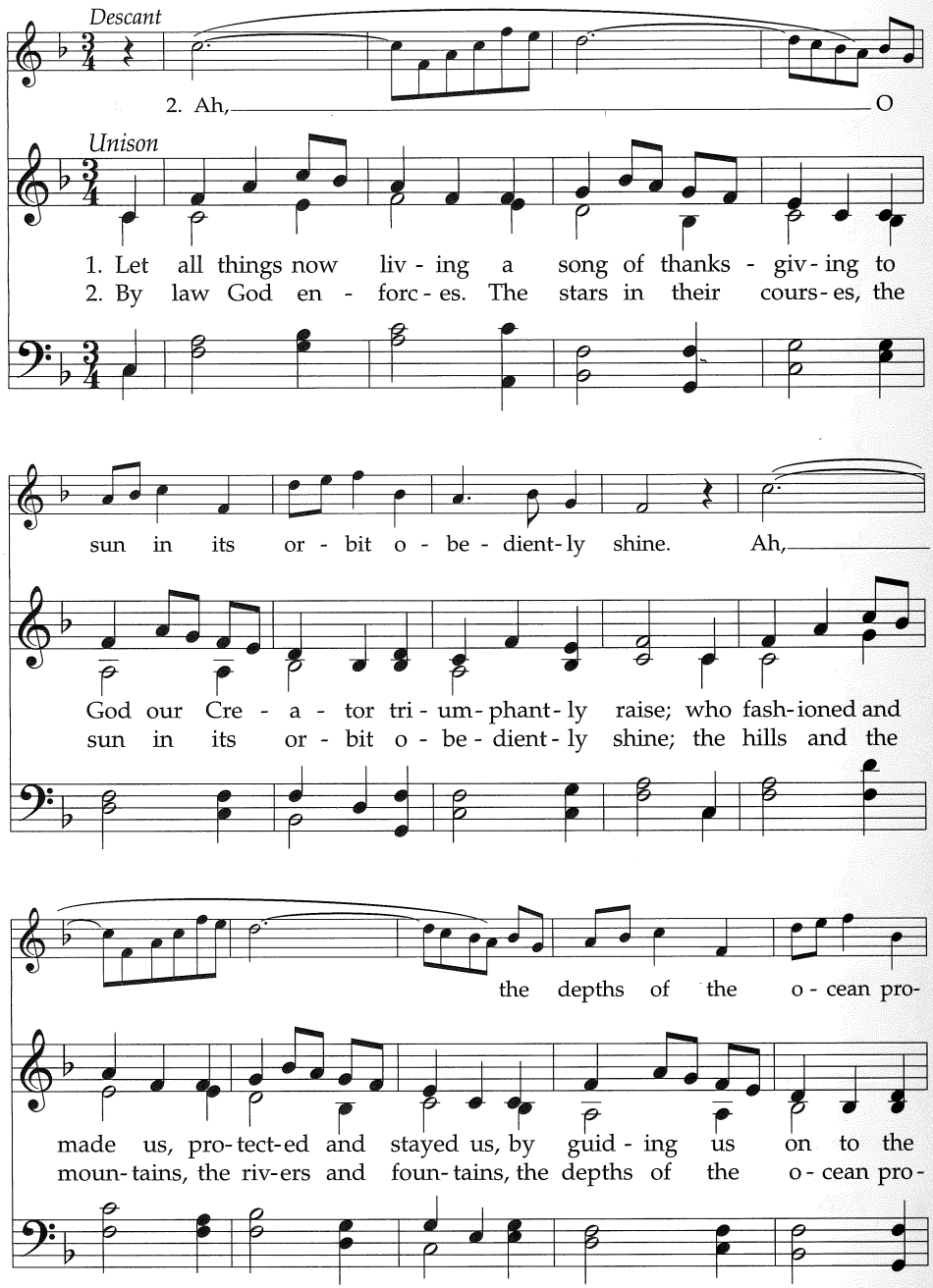


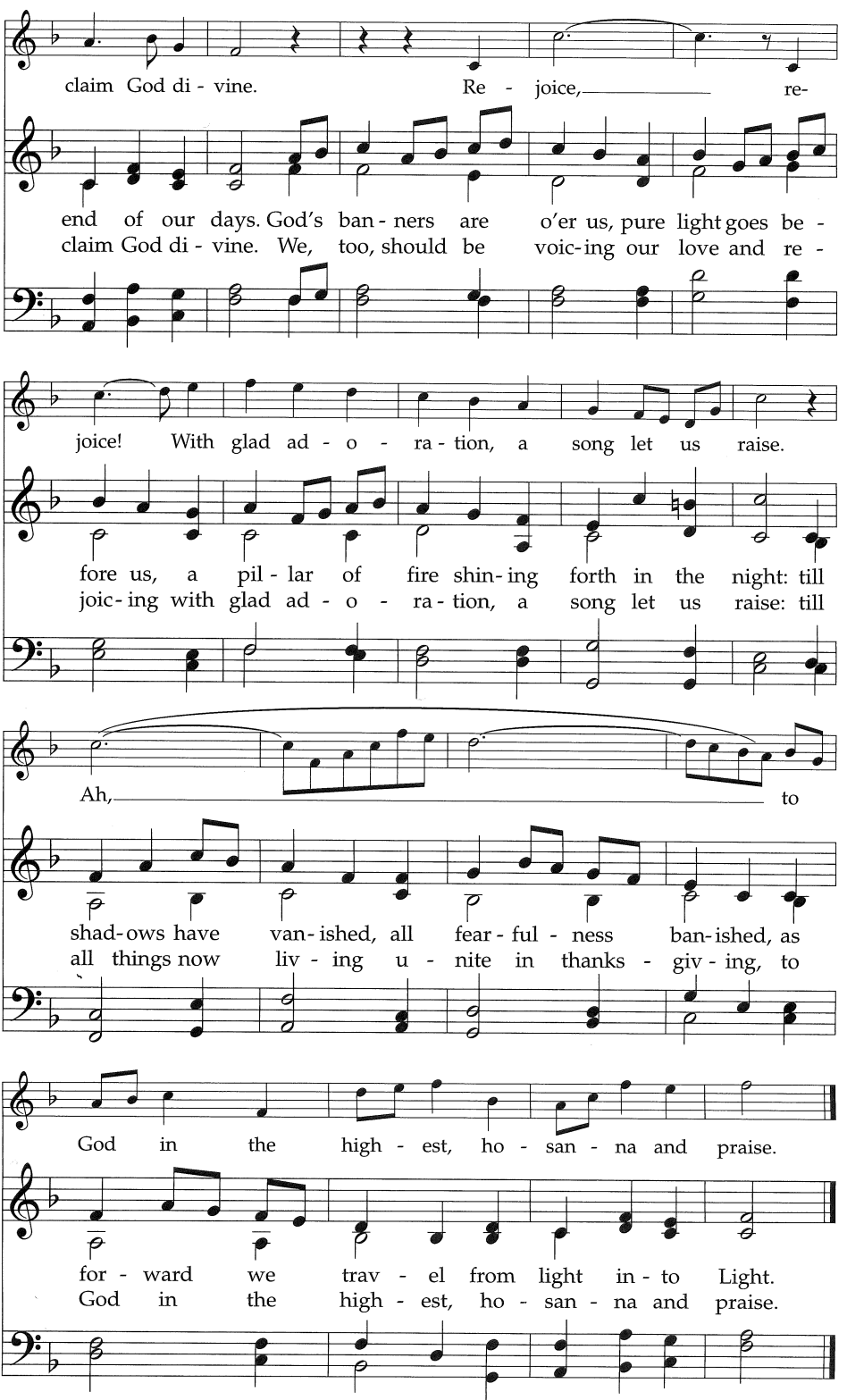
This hymn represents the joining of two Thanksgiving hymns by nineteenth-century poet Henry Alford and eighteenth-century poet Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld. The creator of this combined form, which appeared early in the twentieth century, is not known.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.
George J. Elvey, 1858
Descant: H. A. Chambers, 1931


and for these our songs we raise, grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
all is safe - ly gath - ered in as the win - ter storms be - gin;
all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,
and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol - emn praise.
Come, then, thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
God our Mak - er does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
All that spring with boun-teous hand scat - ters o'er the smil-ing land,
Come, then, thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
all that lib - eral au - tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,
come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

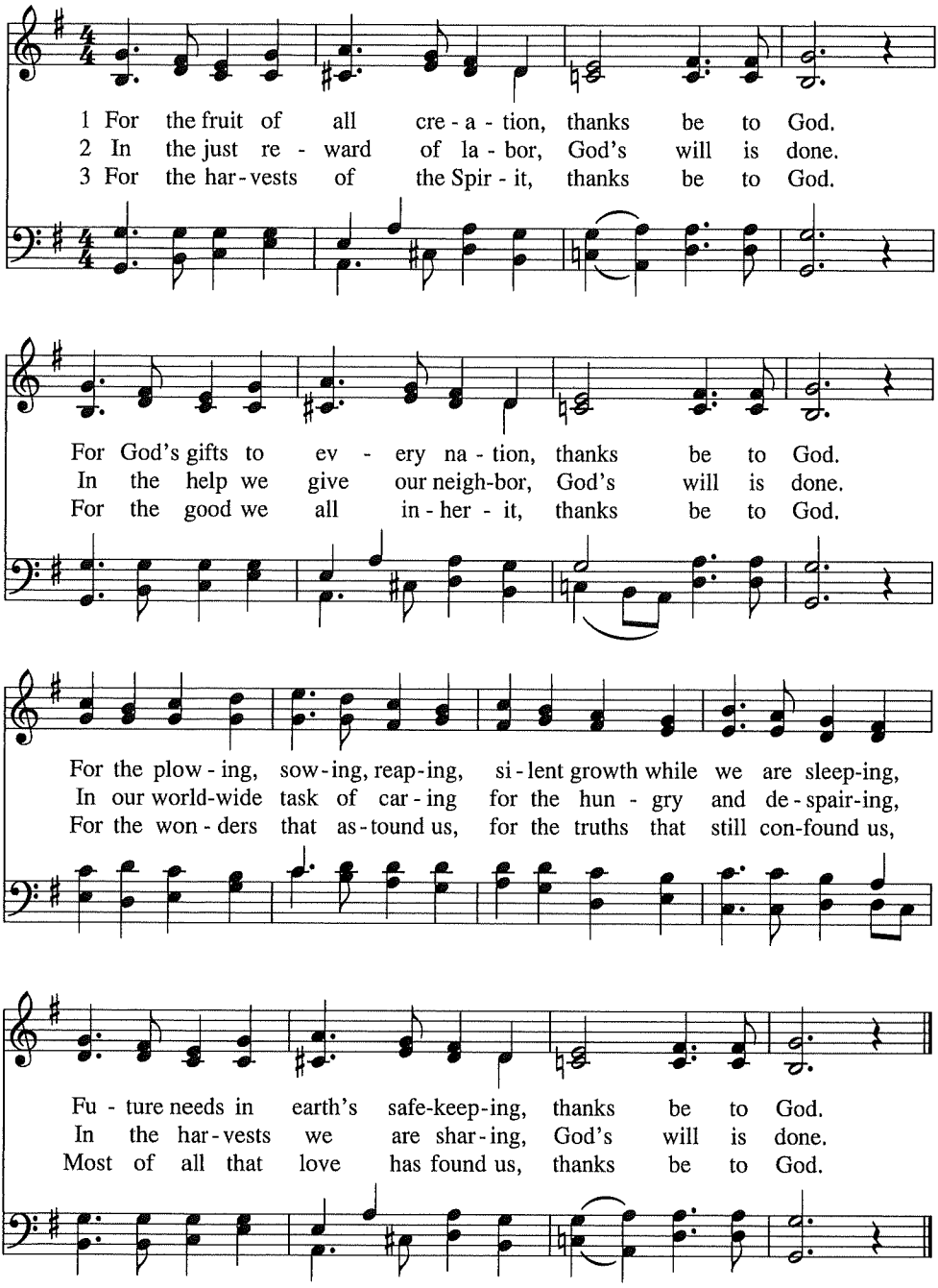
717 Let All Things Now Living




claim God di - vine. Re - joice, re-
end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be -
claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic-ing our love and re -
joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise.
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the night: till
joic-ing with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise: till
Ah, to
shad-ows have van-ished, all fear - ful - ness ban-ished, as
all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing, to
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

For the Fruit of All Creation

Fred Pratt Green, 1970



This text was written in response to a request for a new harvest hymn for an existing tune. After its publication in England in 1970, it became popular in many countries and can be found set to various tunes.

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Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.
Welsh traditional melody
Musical Relicks of the Welsh Bards, *Dublin, 1784*
Harm. L. O. Emerson, 1906
For another harmonization, see 82

HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

HUNGER AFFECTS 1 IN 7 PEOPLE
TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Drop off non-perishable food items in the box at sign-in kiosk
- Donate a monetary contribution by placing money in an envelope and writing LODO Food Drive (all money will go to The Food Bank)





WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every day, families in our community go to bed hungry. Your donation helps us provide fresh meals and groceries to those who need it most.

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:



- Canned vegetables, beans & soup
- Rice, pasta & cereal
- Shelf-stable milk & baby formula
- Peanut butter & canned protein
- Cooking oil & spices

Drop Off From 11/1 to 11/23

DROP OFF LOCATION:

Little One's Day Out
3201 I-70 Dr. NW
Columbia, MO 65202

Advent 2026

JOY TO THE WORLD!

November 29 10:30 a.m.	The Joy of Anticipation Psalm 126 Hope for the world
December 6 10:30 a.m.	"The Joy of Serving God" Psalm 85 Confirmation Sunday & Communion
December 13 10:30 a.m.	"The Joy of Proclaimation" Psalm 100 Cookies by the Pound Advent Cantata & Advent Banquet
December 20 10:30 a.m.	"God's Joy Opens Our Hearts to Love" Psalm 91 Sunday School Christmas Program
December 24 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.	"The Joy of the World" Luke 2:1-20 Candlelight Service, Special Music & Communion
December 27 10:30 a.m.	"Why This Jubilee?" Psalm 148 The Shepherds proclaim their joy
January 3 10:30 a.m.	"Witness to God's Joy" Psalm 63 The infant Christ is presented