

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Hymn - MP 732 - We plough the fields and scatter**

1. We plough 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, O thank the Lord,  
for all His love.*

2. He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
He paints the wayside flower,  
He lights the evening star;  
the wind and waves obey Him,  
by Him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, His children,  
He gives our daily bread.  
*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all His love.*

3. We thank You then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all Your love imparts;  
we come now, Lord, to give You  
our humble, thankful hearts.  
*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all His love.*

**Prayer**

**Hymn - MP 106 - Come, ye thankful people**

1. Come, you thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!  
Fruit and crops are gathered in  
safe before the storms begin:  
God our maker will provide  
for our needs to be supplied;  
come, with all His people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!

2. All the world is God's own field,  
harvests for His praise to yield;  
wheat and weeds together sown  
here for joy or sorrow grown:  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear -  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come  
and shall bring the harvest home;  
He Himself on that great day,  
worthless things shall take away,  
give His angels charge at last  
in the fire the weeds to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in His care for evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come -  
bring Your final harvest home!  
Gather all Your people in  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there together purified,  
ever thankful at Your side -  
come, with all Your angels, come,  
bring that glorious harvest home!

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15** – <sup>6</sup>Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**Reading – Luke 12:16-21** – <sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup> This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

**Sermon**

**Prayer**

*(Continued overleaf)*

**Hymn - MP 153 - For the fruits of His creation**

1. For the fruits of His creation,  
    thanks be to God!  
    For His gifts to every nation,  
    thanks be to God!  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping;  
future needs in earth's safe keeping  
    thanks be to God!
2. In the just reward of labour,  
    God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
    God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing;  
in the harvest we are sharing,  
    God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
    thanks be to God!  
    For the good we all inherit,  
    thanks be to God!  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us;  
most of all, that love has found us,  
    thanks be to God!.

**Dedication of Offering**

**Hymn - MP 200 - Great is Thy faithfulness.**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
    there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.  
    *Great is Thy faithfulness,  
    great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
    all I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided –  
    great is Thy faithfulness,  
    Lord, unto me!*
2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
    *Great is Thy faithfulness,  
    great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
    all I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided –  
    great is Thy faithfulness,  
    Lord, unto me!*

3. Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
    *Great is Thy faithfulness,  
    great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
    all I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided –  
    great is Thy faithfulness,  
    Lord, unto me!*

**Benediction & Amen**

**Hymn - MP 460 - May God's blessing**

May God's blessing surround you each day,  
as you trust Him and walk in His way.  
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.