*“You shall observe the festival of harvest, of the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field.” Exodus 23:16*

***Now Thank We All Our God:***

**A Brief Order for Thanksgiving Day**

Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021

*You are invited to watch and participate in this brief service as you prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving. Although it might be used in other ways, our intent is to provide a 10-minute service you might watch as a family or group immediately before eating your Thanksgiving meal. We end with a blessing of the Thanksgiving meal which you might use with this recorded service or separately.*

**Call to Thanksgiving**

*You may sing with the ensemble or read silently as they sing.*

**We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;**

**he chastens and hastens his will to make known;**

**the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.**

**Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;**

**in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;**

**we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the crashing of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs.

**We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;**

**through trial and tempest our guide you have been.**

**When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us.**

**And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water.

You provide the people with grain for so you have prepared it.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with riches.

**With voices united our praises we offer;**

**and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.**

**With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.**

**To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

 – based on Psalm 65 – adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

**Scripture** Psalm 166:12-19

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** *Now Thanks We All Our God*

 **Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,**

**who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;**

**who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way**

**with countless gifts of love, and still is our today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,**

**with every joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;**

**and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,**

**and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,**

**to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:**

**the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,**

**the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

**A Table Blessing for Thanksgiving**