

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 100*  
*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*  
**Worship the LORD with gladness;**  
**come before him with joyful songs.**  
*Know that the LORD is God.*

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**  
**we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**  
*Enter his gates with thanksgiving*  
*and his courts with praise;*  
*give thanks to him and praise his name.*  
**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;**  
**his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

### \* **God's Greeting**

\* **Let All Things Now Living** #389:1,2 (HFG)  
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses  
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

\* **We Gather Together** #387:1,2 (HFG)  
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.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His Kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
Thou, Lord, was at our side – all glory be Thine.

\* indicates to stand if able

\* **Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart** #394:1,2 (HFG)  
Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your festive banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your King:  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.

Go on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day,  
In gladness and in woe:  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.

### **Call to Confession:** *Galatians 6:7-8*

*Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Words of Assurance:** *II Corinthians 9:10-11*

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*

### **Behold, What Manner of Love**

Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us,  
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(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

### **Morning Prayer**

\* **Scripture:** *Mark 4:26-29 (ESV)* pg. 1049  
*<sup>26</sup> And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."*

*Galatians 6:7-10 (ESV)* pg. 1222  
*Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

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

**Message:** *The Law of Sowing and Reaping*

### **Prayer**

#### \* **Lord, Make Us Servants**

Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
Where there is hate, may we sow love;  
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
Where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
Where all is night, may we sow light;  
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
To be consoled, but to console,  
Nor look to understanding hearts  
But look for hearts to understand.

#### \* **God's Blessing**

**\* We Receive Your Blessing**

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,  
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.  
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,  
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.  
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Join us immediately following the service  
for our annual Harvest Dinner.  
Dinner will be served in the Church Basement  
and Education Building.  
Seniors and members with special needs  
are welcome to leave during the final song.  
*Visitors are welcome to join us!*

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for  
anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.  
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.  
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Lance H, Doug V

Music: Shirley B, Nancy Z

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance is used to help  
cover the cost of tuition for First Church families who send  
their children to a Christian school.

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**The Law of Sowing and Reaping**

*Mark 4:26-29; Galatians 6:7-10*

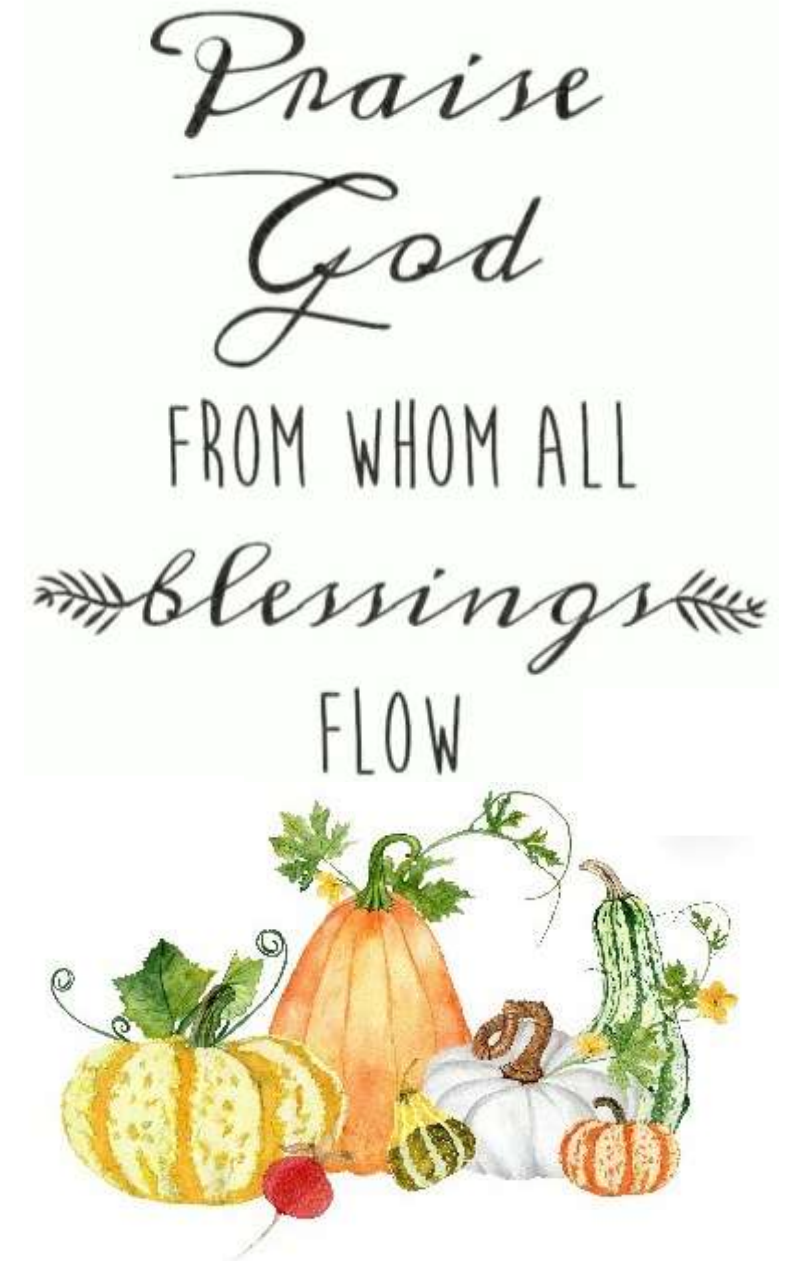
You reap what you sow.

You reap after you sow.

You reap more than you sow.

You reap the full harvest if you persevere.

You can't do anything about last years harvest, but you can  
about this years.



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