

A still life composition featuring various autumn-themed items on a light-colored, vertically-grained wooden surface. On the left side, there are several pumpkins and gourds: a large orange pumpkin, a smaller yellow-orange pumpkin, a white pumpkin, and a green-and-white striped pumpkin. Interspersed among the pumpkins are several dried, dark red leaves and slices of dried oranges. Small, brown, star-shaped spices and a cracked walnut are also scattered on the wood. The overall scene is warm and seasonal.

First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Esther 4:14

Welcome to Worship - November 17, 2019

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather we give thanks and are mindful of the good that encircles us.

Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

Friends and family encourage and care, and this community shows us God's loving ways.

Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

We find a home in God's creation and the earth gives us good food to keep us strong.

Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

The seasons change. Sunshine comes and goes, yet your loving care for us is eternal.

Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

HYMN*

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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 forever wilt be. **Refrain**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

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! **Refrain**

Refrain: 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!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (In Unison)*

You have brought us, O God, to another Lord's Day, when we are blessed to worship you with our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we have unity of mind and heart as we open ourselves to the movement of your Holy Spirit. As your love grows within us, may we have rich with you and with one another. In Christ's name. Amen.

HYMN*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Group 1: Worship the Lord with gladness!

Group 2: Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Know this! The Lord is God.

Group 1: Know this! We belong to the Lord who made us.

Group 2: Know this! We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

Group 1: Come into the holy courts with praise.

Group 2: Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

Leader: For the Lord is good;

Group 1: God's steadfast love endures forever,

Group 2: God's faithfulness is for all generations.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"O Lord Most Holy"

César Franck

The Chorale

Hymn*

"Doxology"

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

