

*“Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.”*

— MAYA ANGELOU

Rainstick (*signals time for worship to begin*)

Welcome

Gathering Music - *Our Worship of God begins with the playing of the Prelude.*  
*We invite you to use this time in silent prayer and preparation.*

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Call to Worship *Iona Abbey Worship Book [adapted]*

Bless to us, O God, the earth beneath our feet.

***Bless to us, O God, the path whereon we go.***

Bless to us, O God, the people whom we meet.

***Bless to us, O God, our souls that come from on high.***

Bless to us, O God, our bodies that are of earth.

***Bless to us, O God, each thing we see.***

Bless to us, O God, each sound we hear,

***Each taste we taste,***

Each note we sing,

***Each friend and foe,***

Each Word from you,

***Each Sabbath day, our praise to you.***

Opening Hymn\*

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**CH#56**

Responsive Reading\*

*Psalm 67*

**CH#744**

Sung Response\*

*In the Lord*

*Songs & Prayers from Taize*

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!***

***Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;***

***lift up your voices, the Lord is near. (sing 3 times)***

Anthem

*Thank You, Lord*

Chancel Choir

Young Disciples Time

Offering of Gifts for Thanksgiving Boxes

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

The Spoken Word

*Luke 7.36-50*

Meditation on the Word *"What flows from a grateful heart"*

Cari Pattison

Hymn\*

*We Gather Together*

**CH#276**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Offering

Sung Response\*

*Doxology*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,***

***Praise God all creatures here below,***

***Praise God above you heavenly hosts,***

***Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication\*

The Church at Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*A literal translation from the Aramaic*)

***Our Father who is throughout the universe, let your name be set apart. Come your kingdom. Let your desire be, as in the universe, also on the earth. Give us bread for our necessities this day. And free us from our offenses, as also we have freed our offenders. And do not let us enter into temptation, but set us free from error. For belongs to you the kingdom, power, and song, From ages to ages, sealed in faithfulness.*** *Rocco A. Errico, translator*

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

The Church Alive

Closing Hymn\*

*Let All Things Now Living*

**CH#717**

Benediction\*

Benediction Response\*

*Sanctuary*

***Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

Postlude

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## **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Greeters:** *Bronwen Neal & Kevin McConnell*

**Ushers:** *Karen Gordon, Marjorie & Ernie Wheeler, Pam Murphy*

**Reader:** *Bev Thomas*

**Coffee Hour:** *Ernie & Marjorie Wheeler, Joyce Copping*

***Please welcome Cari Pattison, who is a candidate to become the new pastor of a church in the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ. We are hosting her neutral pulpit opportunity this morning. The church's search committee is here to observe and listen, and we welcome them as well.***

# CALENDAR

Today (11/18)	9:30 am	<b><i>Sabbath Worship</i></b>
	11:15 am	<b><i>Pick up &amp; delivery of Thanksgiving Boxes</i></b>
Monday (11/19)	8:00 am	<b><i>Strong Living</i></b>
	1:00 pm	<b><i>Woodcarvers</i></b>
	1:00 pm	<b><i>Staff Meeting</i></b>
	6:00 pm	<b><i>AA</i></b>
Tuesday (11/20)	7:00 am	<b><i>Community Breakfast</i></b>
	6:00 pm	<b><i>Laundry Love at Busy Bubble</i></b>
	6:30 pm	<b><i>Scout Leaders Mtg</i></b>
	7:00 pm	<b><i>Interfaith Thanksgiving Service- St Monica's</i></b>
Wednesday (11/21)	8:00 am	<b><i>Strong Living</i></b>
Thursday (11/22)	9:30 am	<b><i>Gobble Wobble Turkey Trot</i></b>
Friday (11/23)		
Saturday (11/24)	7:00 am	<b><i>Community Breakfast</i></b>
	8:00 am	<b><i>Strong Living</i></b>
	8:00 pm	<b><i>AA</i></b>
Sunday (11/25)	9:30 am	<b><i>Sabbath Worship</i></b>
	10:45 am	<b><i>Blood Pressure Screenings</i></b>
	11:30 am	<b><i>Advent Bible Study Begins</i></b>

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