

# UNIONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*Serving our neighbors in New Sewickley Township & beyond!*

# Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 Worship

November 21, 2018

Today's Scriptures:

*Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33*

## GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

\* Musical Call to Worship      *"Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join"*      # 699  
(verse 1)

\* Call to Worship

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the people with equity,  
and guide all the nations upon the earth.

**Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.

**Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

\* Hymn of Praise      *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*      # 694

\* Opening Prayer

**Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness. We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of earth, sky, and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need. We thank you for your blessing on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth. With our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God, for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord; to whom, with you, O Father, and Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* *Please stand as you are able*

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Anthem

*“Thank You”*

*The Choir*

Prayers of Intercession

We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of our churches. Guide and strengthen all the leaders of our congregations throughout the world; that together we might bless the world with your love. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for your abundant blessings to us and for the bounty of the earth’s resources. Help us to exercise care in the use of natural resources and to share our plenty with those in need. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the freedoms we enjoy. Guide us and all our leaders, that we may use our freedom and power to make the world a place of peace and prosperity for all. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of family, friends and loved ones. Bless our gatherings in the days and weeks to come, that our homes may be places of peace and joy in a world of conflict and stress. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of healing; and we ask that you might use us all to bring comfort and peace to those whom we name before you now, in our minds or on our lips: \_\_\_\_\_. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of every time and every place who now sing your praises in your eternal kingdom. Keep us faithful to the end of our journey. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:22-31

pg. 737

Message

***Setting Your Heart***

*Rev. Douglas Myers*

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

*(Tonight's offering will be shared by the Community Food Pantry  
and the Freedom-New Sewickley Area Ministerium)*

Offertory

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion

*(sung responses)*

# 17-18

### **SENDING FORTH**

\* Hymn of Dedication

*"We Gather Together"*

# 131

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

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***Please join us in the Conference Room  
for a time of fellowship and refreshment.  
Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!***

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