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October 13, 2024- Thanksgiving Sunday

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Prelude *Harvest Carol* (Ian Ray) Hope Graham & Michèle Ashby

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (222 VU Come, Let Us Sing)

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so joyfully thank God for our days.*

Call to Worship (responsive).

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God provides all that we need.

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Hymn: 684 VU *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

Minute for Mission:

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Offering (537 VU Your Work, O God)

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Hymn: 236 VU *Now Thank We All our God*

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction (222 VU Come, Let Us Sing)

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Postlude: *Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* (Taizé) Melissa Kuipers

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