

Congregational Response

VU 37

“Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!”

Our Response

Reflection

Hymn *“We Thank You All Our God”*

VU 236

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

We Are Sent Forth

Closing Hymn *“Bringing in the Sheaves”*

(insert)

Commissioning *(please remain standing, if comfortable)*

One: Go now, to be God’s people;

All: We will live giving-thanks every day.

We will sing at the wonder of God’s generosity.

We will be glad and rejoice in our God.

We will leave this place

thankful and fulfilled, praising God, always.

Congregational Response

(Cliff Barrows)

“May God’s blessing surround you each day,
as you trust God and walk in his way.

**May God’s presence within
guard and keep you from sin.**

Go in peace, go in joy, go in love,

Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.”

The Benediction & Three-fold Amen

Postlude *Special Music*

Steveston United Church
Sunday Oct 8, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Brenda Miller - (church) 604-277-0508

Thanksgiving Sunday



We Gather as God’s People

Welcome / Church Life Reminders & Celebrations

Community Prayer Requests

Special Music *“Ode to Thanksgiving”*

(Old Dutch Melody)

Call to Worship

One: Praise be to God who created the Earth
and gave us the harvest.

All: God provides all that we need.

One: Praise be to God who surrounds us with love,
and strengthens us by the Holy Spirit.

All: God’s love and care never ends!

One: People of God, let us give thanks.

All: God gives, we receive, and are thankful.

Opening Hymn “Come, You Thankful People, Come” VU 516

Prayer of Approach

**All: Creator of the world,
you crown the year with your goodness.
May we who have been blessed
give thanks always, sharing God’s abundance.
In all the earth, may we recognize all your gifts
and treat them with reverence.
“May it be so!” says the Lord. Amen.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

All: “Let the Light of Christ fill this space. Amen.”

Sharing the Peace of Christ *(please remain seated)*

One: Christ calls us to live in peace and unity with one another;
...the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

All Ages Learning Together

Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty God,
create in us a wider place where gratitude might grow.
In our hearts, in our eyes, in our ears, in our minds,
even in our fingers and toes... create a space that we might
feel and see, hear and know, touch and even carry;
thankfulness.
Bless us with forgiveness for the times we focus on
what we do not have, what we do not own, and what
we have not yet achieved.
We forget that others have none.
Forgive us for neglecting what you have given us.
Push us, though we may stumble, forward in love, generosity,
in service and determination so that others will have what
they truly need to live fulfilled lives...**

**God, above all, we seek your peace, not just for ourselves,
not just for this church, or the community of Steveston,
but for your whole world.
In Jesus’ name, let us live and follow you this
Thanksgiving Day and every day.
Forgive us, God, our transgressions;
hear our prayer. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

We Present Our Offering

Offering Invitation

Offering Refrain

VU 541

**“Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen.”**

Prayer of Dedication *(please remain standing)*

**All: Generous God,
we recognize how crazy it is to imagine that we can
hold onto more and more, and at the same time find
ourselves in your presence.
Receive these gifts, and challenge us to find
new and renewing ways to give,
that your work may be done in all places. Amen.**

Anthem “Simple Gifts”

(Besig)

We Listen For God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination *(...worship leader)*

Psalter	Psalm 65	(VU p. 782)
Hebrew Scripture	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18	(pew Bible p. 145)
Christian Scripture	Luke 17: 11-19	(pew Bible p. 852)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.