Come, Ye Thankful People

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HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING

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Choral Prelude: "Of Such I Dream",
Barbara Park, conductor, Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Welcome and Opening Words

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting

* Hymn – "Come, Ye Thankful People" [words & music on back of OOS]

Reading (responsive):

Rev. Jody Whelden

Harvest of Gratitude

Once more the fields have ripened to harvest, and the fruitful earth has fulfilled the promise of spring.

The work of those who labor has been rewarded: They have sown and reaped, planted and gathered.

How rich and beautiful is the bounty gathered: The golden grain and clustered corn, the grapes of purple and green,

The crimson apples and yellow pears, and all the colors of orchard and garden, vineyard and field.

Season follows after season, after winter the spring, after summer the harvest-laden autumn.

From bud to blossom, from flower to fruit, from seed to bud again, the beauty of earth unfolds.

From the harvest of the soil we are given occasion to garner a harvest of the heart and mind:

A harvest of resolve to be careful stewards of all life's gifts and opportunities.

A harvest of reverence for the wondrous power and life at work in things that grow, and in the soul.

A harvest of gratitude for every good which we enjoy, and of fellowship for all who are sustained by earth's beauty. Percival Chubb, 1860-1960

Combined Choirs - "Lift up our hearts" by Elizabeth Alexander Ian Riddell, conductor, Dan Broner, accompanist

Story for All Ages

Ian Riddell

#1010 (STJ) "We Give Thanks" De

Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Sermon "Some Things Abide"

Rev. Michael Schuler

Offering - This evening's collection will be donated to the Allied Partners, Food Pantry, which distributes emergency food to residents weekly. The pantry provides food to over 5,000 individuals each year, as an affiliate of the Madison Urban Ministry. Your personal check can be made out to: Praire UU Society, and will be combined for the totaled donation amount.

1057 (STI) "Go Lifted Up"

Dan Broner, accompanist

Extinquishing the Chalice Closing Words

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Postlude:Trumpet Voluntary (excerpt)John Bennett Doleta Chapru

Stand as you are able.

Following the service please gather for refreshments and followship

Participants:

Rev. Jody Whelden, Community Minister, Mental Health and Mental Welhoss.

Dan Broner, Music Director, First Unitarian Society Rev. Michael Schuler, Senior Minister, First Unitarian Society Ian Riddell, Director of Music Ministry. James Reeb UU Congregation

Doleta Chapru, accompanist, Prairie UU Society Barbara Park, Choir Director, Prairie UU Society Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Consulting Minister, Prairie UU Society