Musicians playing in the Trombone Choir this morning include: Bob Ball, John Beers, David Booth, Michael Bryenton, Leo Brennan, Claudia Diaz, Jeff Erdmann, KJ Griswold (Keith), Jeffrey Grubin Gabriel Leardi, James Luurtsema, Mitchum Mangan, Adam Myers, and Chris Schrock.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Thanksgiving Sunday

November 23, 2025 10 o'clock

Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

PRELUDES Chorale

Rodney S. Miller

Iveni David

Anton Bruckner

The Trombone Choir

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Jimmy Quinn

One: Maker of heaven and earth, our hearts beat with reverence on this

Thanksgiving Sunday.

Many: We return to this place to give praise to your great name.

One: Mighty God, bless us with waters that well up and guench our spiritual

thirst.

Many: Open our mouths to proclaim your mercy.

One: Merciful God, by your healing power alone do we prosper.

Many: Help us to live each day with genuine gratitude

†HYMN 718 <u>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</u> s

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

## **†OPENING PRAYER**

Generous God, our souls and tongues praise you, offering thanks for every season of life. Your divine direction has guided us through both stresses and successes. When fear and anxiety cloud our vision, refocus our minds on things that are noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, and praiseworthy. Make us channels of hope, peace, joy, and love. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANTHEM Ave Maria Franz Biebl

The Trombone Choir

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19 (NT p. 98)

†RESPONSE (HYMN 531) Thank You, Lord THANK YOU, LORD

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,

thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

SERMON 5 Days. 4 Ways. 3 Good Things.

HYMN 714 For the Fruit of All Creation

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Mark Miller

Rev Fredd

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done. Now thank we all our God, who has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

OFFERTORY Doxology for a New Day

The First Church Choir

†Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**†OFFERTORY PRAYER** 

God, our Creator and Provider, may our gifts bring your love to all. Christ, our Savior and Deliverer, may our gifts show the world that we belong to one another. Truly, each one of us is held in your loving embrace at the same time. Amen.

†HYMN 715 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE For the Beauty of the Earth

The First Charles Charles

The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE Sinfonia to Cantata No. 79, Nun Danket Alle Gott J. S. Bach
The Trombone Choir