

GIVE
thanks
TO THE
Lord;
FOR HE IS GOOD.
PSALM 107:1, NIV



Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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“Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.”

Exodus 15:21

Thanksgiving Day

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: The Sanctuary Choir
French Hornist: Roland Lindh
Pianist and Scripture Reader: Lisa Meyer
Audio/Video: Arc Frisch, Don Buist

Ten o'clock

November 28, 2024

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Two Preludes on “All People that on Earth Do Dwell” [#1]

David N. Johnson; David Cherwien

“Now Thank We All Our God” [#543]

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Spoken Call to Worship: Psalm 100

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Thanksgiving Prayer:

**All: Lord our God,
love began with you
and has filled our cup to overflowing.
In the abundance of your countless gifts
give us your grace to fill others' lives with love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

Choral Call to Worship: “O Sing unto the Lord”

Music: Carlos Rosas

Text: Carlos Rosas, trans. Michael Hawn

O sing unto the Lord a hymn of celebration;

O sing a hymn of love, every day a new creation.

God made the sky and sea, the sun and stars of heaven,
and saw that they were good; all creation sings in splendor!

Alleluia! O sing to God above: Alleluia!

O sing unto the Lord a hymn of joy and praising;

a song that shares our love, our faith and hopeful waiting.

Creation shouts to all that God is grand and glorious;

and so we sing our song to the God of grace and beauty.

Alleluia! O sing to God above: Alleluia!

* Opening Hymns: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#19:1-5

#543:1-2

* God's Greeting

Thanksgiving Litany and Prayer

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord,
our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.

Let us remember his mercy, for he is gracious and compassionate.

**All: We thank you, Lord, for calling us to faith in Christ,
for putting your Spirit within us,
for giving us the mind of Christ,
for gathering us into your church.**

We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace to us,
for calling us to a life of gratitude,
for calling us to service in your kingdom.

Thanks be to God!

Let us give thanks to the Lord,
for he satisfies the thirsty, he fills the hungry with good things,
and he heals the afflicted. Let us celebrate his abundant goodness.

**We thank you, gracious Father,
that you provide for all our needs,
for the food on our tables,
for the clothes on our bodies,
for the beds we sleep in,
and for the dwellings that shelter us.**

We praise you for all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs,
for the things that make our work easier,
for the conveniences of modern life,
for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

#1

Music: arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Stanzas 1 and 2: **All, as directed**

Stanzas 3 and 4: Choir alone

Stanza 5: Following an interlude, **all sing:**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

(Children may come forward during the last verse.)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

All: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Anthem: “A Hymn for Thanksgiving”

Music: David H. Williams

Text: Henry Williams Baker, from Psalm 136

Praise, O praise our God and King; hymns of adoration sing,
for his mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun day by day his course to run.
Praise him that he gave the rain to mature the swelling grain.

He hath bid the fruitful field crops of precious increase yield.
for his mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous king! Glory let creation sing.
Glory to the Father, Son, and Spirit, Three in One! Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “We Praise You, O God”

#560:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Exodus 15:1-21

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **WITH UNMOISTENED FOOT**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Offertory Prayer for Family Assistance: Dan Hubka

* Offertory Hymn: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

#398:1-3

During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to bring your offerings to the front of the Sanctuary. You may place money for Family Assistance or envelopes for other funds in the offering plates, and items for the Baxter marketplace on the stairs in front of the pulpit. We express our thanksgiving through our gifts.

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Now Thank We All Our God”

#543:3

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven—
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.**

* Postlude: “Now Thank We All Our God” [#543]

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