# Happy Thanksgiving



Praise the Lord.

I will thank the Lord with all my heart in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

Psalm 111:1 |EHV|





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# **Worship Service**

Thursday, November 28, 2019 10:00 a.m.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY

# OPENING HYMN: "My heart is filled with thankfulness"

(sung to tune of CW #374)

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart.

Please stand for second verse:

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough
For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: The apostle John tells us in his first letter, "If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

M: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and impure. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and action. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. For the love of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and guide us so that we may delight in your holy will and so that we may walk forever in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

M: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and by His love for His Son, He forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called pastor of this church, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

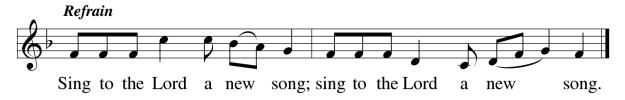
C: Amen. (spoken)

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Amen. (spoken)

Please be seated.

# PSALM of the Day Psalm 100





Shout for joy to the LORD, <u>all</u> the earth.\* Worship the LORD with <u>glad</u>ness;

come before him with <u>joy</u>ful songs.\* Know that the <u>LORD</u> is God.

It is he who made us, and <u>we</u> are his;\*
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his <u>courts</u> with praise;\* give thanks to him and <u>praise</u> his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures for<u>ever</u>;\* his faithfulness continues through all gener<u>a</u>tions.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

## FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:10-18

<sup>10</sup>Then you will eat, and you will be filled, and you will praise the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. <sup>11</sup>Be very careful so that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and ordinances and his statutes that I am commanding you today. 12When you eat and are satisfied, and vou build nice houses and move into them, <sup>13</sup> and vour herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold increase, and everything that you have prospers, <sup>14</sup>watch out so that your heart does not become arrogant and forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. <sup>15</sup>Do not forget the LORD, who led you in the great and terrifying wilderness, where there were venomous snakes and scorpions, where the thirsty ground had no water, but the LORD made water come out of a flint rock for you. 16Do not forget the LORD, who in the wilderness fed you manna, which your fathers had not known before, to humble you and to test you so that it would be good for you later on.

<sup>17</sup>You might say in your heart, "My ability and the power of my hand have earned this wealth for me." <sup>18</sup>But then you are to remember that the LORD your God is the one who gives you the ability to produce wealth, to confirm his covenant that he promised to your fathers with an oath, as he does to this day.

# HYMN: #612 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

Praise to God, immortal praise,
 For the love that crowns our days.
 Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy,
 Let your praise our tongues employ.
 All to you, our God, we owe,
 Source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours, Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores, Flocks that whiten all the plain, Yellow sheaves of ripened grain — Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.

# **SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:10-20**

<sup>10</sup>I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, you did well by becoming partners with me in my affliction.

<sup>15</sup>You Philippians know that in the beginning of your experience with the gospel, when I left Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. <sup>16</sup>Even while I was in Thessalonica, you sent help more than once for my needs. <sup>17</sup>Not that I am seeking a gift, but I am seeking the fruit that adds to your account. <sup>18</sup>I have been paid in full, and I have more than enough. I am fully supplied since I've received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

<sup>19</sup>And my God will fully supply your every need, according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever! Amen.

## HYMN: #612 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

Peace, prosperity, and health,
Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams,
True religion's holier beams—
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

C: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Alleluia! (Psalm 103)

### GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup>On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>When he entered a certain village, ten lepers met him. Standing at a distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out loudly, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

<sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they went away they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Jesus responded, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you."

# HYMN: #612 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

As your prosp'ring hand has blest, May we give you of our best And by deeds of kindly love For your mercies grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days: "Praise to God, immortal praise."

#### SERMON: Psalm 34:1-8

By David. When he pretended to be insane in the presence of Abimelek, who drove him away, and David left.

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times.

His praise will always be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> In the Lord my soul will boast.

The humble will hear and rejoice.

- <sup>3</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- <sup>4</sup>I sought the Lord, and he answered me. From all my terrors he delivered me.
- <sup>5</sup> His people look to him and are radiant, and their faces will never blush.
- <sup>6</sup> This poor man called, and the Lord heard. From all his distress the Lord saved him.
- <sup>7</sup> The Angel of the Lord camps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him.

#### THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God made me and every creature; and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, and all my abilities; and I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all that I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life. He protects me from all harm and danger and guards and delivers me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Please be seated.

#### **OFFERING**

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

# **Litany of Prayer and Praise**

The Congregational responses will be sung.

- M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of Your Word, through which we have found peace, comfort, assurance and eternal hope.
- C: A O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky, We praise you for the radiance
  That from the hallowed page,
  A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

  (CW: 279)

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of Faith and Salvation, by which we have been made your children and heirs of life everlasting.

C: To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory –great things he has done! (CW 399)

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of Life and the abundance of our Earthly Possessions.

C: ☐ For the fruit of his creation, Thanks be to God.

For his gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,

Silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, In the harvest we are sharing, God's will be done. (CW 611)

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the countless blessings you have showered upon us in this Nation and among its citizens.

C: God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night!
When the wild tempest rave, ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save, by thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise, to God above the skies; On him we wait.

Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye, To thee aloud we cry, God save the state! (CW 619)

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the Victory you have given to our fellow pilgrims and our own loved ones who now live with you in glory.

C: J For all the saints who from their labors rest, All who by faith before the world confessed, Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

> You were their rock, their fortress, and their might; You, Lord, their captain, in the well-fought fight And in the darkness drear their one true light. Alleluia! *(CW 551)*

- M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the Growth of Your Kingdom among us and others, to the glory of your name and the salvation of souls.
- C: From all that dwell below the skies
  Let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!
  Let the Redeemer's name be sung
  Through every land, by every tongue.
  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are your mercies Lord; Eternal is your glorious Word. Alleluia! Alleluia! Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (CW 250)

- M: For All these and countless other blessings to body and soul which are new to us each morning, we thank and praise you. We unite our hearts and voices in approaching your throne of grace also to sing:
- C: A We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator! In grateful devotion our tribute we bring; We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; We bless your holy Name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you. Through trial and tempest our guide you have been; When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

(CW 609:1,2)

M: Gracious God, all that we have comes from you. Guard us from the temptation to let our love grow cold during these last days. Instead, root us in your love so that we may joyfully use all your gifts in service to you and your people. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (spoken)

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen. (spoken)

# **OPENING HYMN: "My heart is filled with thankfulness"** (sung to tune of CW #374)

My heart is filled with thankfulness To him who reigns above, Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose ev'ry thought is love. For ev'ry day I have on earth Is given by the King; So I will give my life, my all, To love and follow him.

