

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 25, 2020, 7:00 PM.

*Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.
Psalm 124:8*

PRELUDE

During the Prelude we ask that you would silently prepare your heart for worship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1, 19-24, 29

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: For His steadfast love endures forever!

Minister: Open the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Minister: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

People: For His steadfast love endures forever!

*HYMN #715

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied:
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

*Please stand as you are able.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we glorify You that You have again fulfilled to us Your gracious promise that while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not fail. We bless You for the kindly fruits of the earth, which You have given to our use. Teach us, we beseech You, to remember that it is not by bread alone that man lives, and grant us evermore to feed on Him who is the true Bread from heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Book of Common Worship, 1946

HOMILY

Giving Thanks for the Unexpected
Pastor Christopher Diebold

*HYMN #98

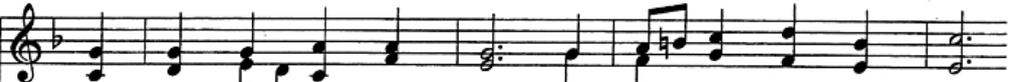
Now Thank We All Our God



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en—



who from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

CONGREGATIONAL THANKSGIVING

We will take this time to share what we are thankful for.

SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, arr. Phillip Keveren
Joanna Fletcher, Piano

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Psalm 111

111 Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; ⁸they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

*HYMN

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain; who
 2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be-side; who
 3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a-bove; whose

plumbed the depths of my dis-grace and gave me life a-gain; who
 floods my weak-ness-es with strength and caus-es fears to fly; whose-
 wis-dom is my per-fect peace, whose eve-ry thought is love. For-

crushed my curse of sin-ful-ness, and clothed me with His light, and-
 eve-ry prom-ise is e-nough for eve-ry step I take, sus-
 eve-ry day I have on earth is giv-en by the King. So-

wrote His law of right-eous-ness with pow'r up-on my heart.
 tain-ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.
 I will give my life, my all, to love and fol-low Him.

CLOSING PRAYER