



Give Thanks
NOVEMBER 2022



Thanksgiving Celebration

Prelude

Give Thanks

Gathering—As we are called to worship, hear the 100th Psalm:

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
- ³ Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- ⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

A Time of Prayer— Though many forces have scattered us in various ways, we invite you to bring us together within ourselves and all around us. Prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits, Gathering God, to be present and ready to receive exactly what we need from this time of worship.+

The Lord's Prayer (unison)—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.

Bell Choir

Simple Gifts

We Hear God's Word

Colossians 1:1-14 (NRSV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Meditation

In All Things Give Thanks

Hymn

We Give Thee But Thine Own, #688

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—Today we joyfully give thanks to God and bring to God the gifts of our thanksgiving, which God first gave to us.

Let us be empowered to share our gifts fruitfully and allow God to multiply them for the good of all.+

November Benevolence—Horizon House

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Doxology

We Give Thanks— We're grateful for your invitation to move and give faithfully and abundantly, God. We ask that you would extend your blessings over these gifts that we now offer so that they can be multiplied in service to you and the missions of this congregation. May it be so! Amen.+

Hymn

Let All Things Now Living, #22

Benediction— May you experience God's goodness in your coming, going, and staying. May you witness God's activity in your work, play, and world at large. May you feel God's presence in your life, relationships, and self. May you know God's love now and forever more.+ With joyful hearts may you go forth with thanksgiving to serve and enrich the world around you. Amen.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God