

A Service of Thanksgiving
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*Welcome and good evening.
Tonight's Thanksgiving service is for the whole family,
which means we may hear little voices throughout the service.
That is fine. We want our children here. We want them to worship with us.
We want them to learn from us how good God is.*

Prelude

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Heavenly Father, Giver and Sustainer of all life:

Help us, as we draw near, to love and adore and worship you
with all that we are and all that we have to offer,
for you alone are worthy. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 147.1-11

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 363

WE GATHER TOGETHER

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, what could move hearts like ours,
which have your Son, yet still lack confidence?
Would another sacrifice convince the guilty of your grace?
Would health convince the ailing of your care?
Would more money convince the struggling of your kindness?
Would a miracle convince the doubter that you hear prayers?
O God, our sin is ever before you.
You gave your own Son, yet we still doubt you.
He is our consolation, but trouble makes us question your care;
our shield, but persecution makes us slow to speak your name;
our provision, but hunger makes us neglect your kingdom;
our atonement, but death makes us fear your judgment.
What more could be given to a people?
What more could be done?
Forgive us our folly; forgive us our sins
and give us confidence in the gift of your Son,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.31-32

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 715

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

***Responsive Reading**

Praise the LORD!

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.**

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

**The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;**

They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Giving Thanks

The Thanksgiving Offering

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take you part,
O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorry bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one. O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 28.1-9

Sermon

“The Ruler of All”
Rev. Ron Gonzales, Minister

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 116

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

Confession of Faith

What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

**That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them
by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father
because of Christ his Son.**

**I trust him so much that I do not doubt
he will provide
whatever I need
for body and soul,
and he will turn to my good
whatever adversity he sends me
in this sad world.**

**He is able to do this because he is almighty God;
he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

—The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 26

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 125

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Almighty and gracious Father,
grant us a heart to love you,
and enable us to show our thankfulness
by giving ourselves up to your service,
and delighting in all things to do your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Please stand if able.*
