

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 100.1-5

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Songs of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 363

Hymn No. 715

*WE GATHER TOGETHER
COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME*

-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. 116

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

***Responsive Reading**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.**

Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

—From Psalm 107

Giving Thanks

The Thanksgiving Offering

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scriptures Lesson

Genesis 45.1-28

Sermon

“Where Partings Are No More”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 500

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT OR ME

Confession of Faith

How does the article
concerning “life everlasting”
comfort you?

**Even as I already now
experience in my heart
the beginning of eternal joy,
so after this life I will have
perfect blessedness such as
no eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no human heart has ever imagined:
a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.**

— The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 58

***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.*
