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Thanksgiving Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Gratitude for the Gifts We've Been Given

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Raney

THANK GOD FROM A TO Z LITANY¹

L: For antelope, aunts and artists,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For books, brothers and bodies of every shape and color,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For Chipotle, chocolate, cats and cars,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For dads, dogs, dinosaurs, and Disney,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For Eloise, Elizabeth, Ella and everyone else,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For funny funky friendships, frogs, and fish,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For grandparents, glitter, and God,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For honey, happiness, hugs, and the Holy Spirit with us,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For ice cream, igloos, and icicles,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For Jesus, joggers, J-Walkers, jam and jelly,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For kids, kites, and karate,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For love, lakes, and lights,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For moms, milk, middle school, and Mt. Zion,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For noses, nuts, and naps,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For octopus, oceans, and optimists,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For pizza, planets, and personal space,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For quartz, quails, and quarantine when needed,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For Roblox, rulers, and a rainbow of promise,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For snowmen, sandwiches, sisters, and the stars in the sky,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For technology, trees, and trains,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For unicorns, uncles, and umbrellas,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For Vermont, video games, and vacations,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For waves, whimsy, and winter wind,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For x-rays, X-men, and xylophones,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For yesterday, yaks, and you,

C: We thank you, God.

L: For zebras, zippers, and zoos,

C: We thank you, God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Creator God,

C: from the tiniest speck to the grandest mountain, from the rolling sea to the limitless universe, you are with us. In all areas we see marks of your creative power and give you thanks. Help us to take time to remove ourselves from the rush and busyness of everyday living, to look around and truly see the beauty. And having seen the outer beauty of this world, help us to see the inner beauty of all of your children. In your most heavenly name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 422** (Black hymnal, see p. 3)

Come, O Thankful People, Come

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION²

L: We fill our lives with the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love. We turn away when a stranger asks for nourishment, claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves.

C: Forgive us when we doubt your abundance and ignore the possibilities in what we have been given.

L: We often sit with arms crossed and fists clenched, crying out that you have turned away and left us empty handed.

C: Forgive us when we reject your abundance and neglect the possibilities in what we have been given.

L: We easily give thanks for the good things in life, turning away from those which lead us to deeper community or second-guessing blessings as too good to be true.

C: Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us. Help us surrender to the loving embrace that enfolds us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2270 (FWS, see p. 4)

He Has Made Me Glad

ALL SING: I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter his courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made." I will rejoice, for he has made me glad. He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I will rejoice for he has made me glad. He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

(10:30 AM) **SUNDAY SONGS**

Thank You God for Making Me

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-24

Colossians 2: 6-7

Luke 17: 11-19

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 425 (BH, see p. 5)

For the Fruit of All Creation

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

HYMN NO. 419 (BH, see p. 6)

Now Thank We All Our God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations on Thanksgiving

by Curtis

Thank you to Missy Kiefer, Tom Bair, & Paula Strayer for serving on the praise team. Thank you to Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker, & John Schriver for serving on the tech team. Thank you to Missy Keifer & Paula Strayer for reading Scripture. Thank you to Dave Strine, Carol Bair, Nancy & Barry Schwartz, Les & Doris Loucks, Tammy Gordon, & Glenda Abrams for serving on the welcome teams this morning!

¹ Thanksgiving: A to Z is inspired by Steven J. Brown Worship Ideas You Can Use 2015 litany, and written with the help of our J-Walkers on November 7, 2021.

² The Confession: Always Enough was written for “Stone Soup”, a liturgy from the Seekers Church: A Christian Community, in November 2000. Thanksgiving 2000: Stone Soup – Seekers Church and accessed on November 8, 2021.

³ The Benediction was written by Joe Sherer pastor of the Mount Joy Mennonite Church, and posted on A Daily Prayer. <http://adailyprayer.wordpress.com/2007/11/16/strangers-in-this-world/>, and accessed November 8, 2021.

Come, O Thankful People, Come

Henry Alford, 1810-1871

George J. Elvey

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano 

1. Come, O thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
2. All the bless - ings of the field, all the stores the
3. These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all

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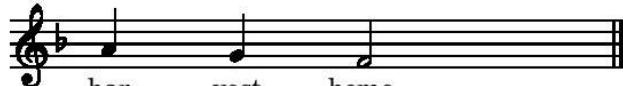
har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in as the win - ter
gar - dens yield, all the fruits in full sup - ply, rip - ended 'neath the
bless - ings flow; and for these our songs we raise, grate - ful vows and

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storms be - gin; God our Ma - ker does pro - vide for our wants to
sum - mer sky, All that spring with boun - teous hand scat - ters o'er the
sol - emn praise. Come, then, thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of

12 

be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of
smil - ing land, all that lib - eral au - tumn pours from its rich o'er -
har - vest home; come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of

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har - vest home.
- flow - ing stores.
har - vest home.

He Has Made Me Glad

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Leona Von Brethorst

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "I will enter his gates with thanks-giving in my heart, I will enter his courts with praise. I will say, 'This is the day that the Lord has made.'" I will rejoice, for he has made me glad. He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I will rejoice, for he has made me glad. He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I will rejoice, for he has made me glad. The score ends with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

I will en - ter his gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart, I will

4 en - ter his courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the

7 Lord has made." I will re-joice, for he has made me glad. He has made me glad,

11 he has made me glad. I will re-joice, for he has made me glad.

14 He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I will re-joice, for he has made me

17 glad.

For the Fruit of All Creation

Fred Pratt Green, arr. Ralph Vaughan William
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Piano 

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3. For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God.

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For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

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For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

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fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har-vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

adapt. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

Piano 

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and
2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be

5 

voic - es, Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re -
near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to
giv - en, To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est

9 

- joic - es, Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our
cheer us, And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per -
heav - en, The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a -

13 

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

17 

- day.
next.
- more.