

THANKFULNESS

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Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-6

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols

But the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him;

Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Hymn: #559 Come Ye Thankful People Come

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we come confessing. You have not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control.

But we have not fanned into flames the gift that You have placed within us for Your purposes.

You have saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of Your own purpose and grace which You gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

We confess there are times that we have been ashamed of this testimony about our Lord.

Your grace has been seen through our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel— and we have been called to proclaim and teach this.

But there are times in which we have kept silent of this testimony in fear of sharing in suffering for the gospel.

May we not be ashamed, for we know whom we have believed, and we are convinced that You are able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to us.

Give us grace to follow and proclaim the life-giving words of the gospel in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

By the Holy Spirit, guard the good deposit You have entrusted to us.

Hymn of Meditation: Abide with Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord, abide with me

I need Thy presence, every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel:

Jesus, the Son of God, depended perfectly on his heavenly Father.

He came from heaven to do the will of the one who sent him.

Jesus knew his Father loved him. Therefore, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, set free from Sin's kingdom, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

We are called, brothers and sisters, to believe and depend on Jesus.

I flee to no other refuge, wash in no other fountain, build on no other foundation, receive from no other fullness, depend on no other for strength, and rest in no other but Jesus.

Hymn: #563 Count Your Blessings

Hymn: #43 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **1 Thessalonians 5: 15-18**

Sermon: Thankfulness

¹⁵ See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Romans 1:21

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Ephesians 4:30-31

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, [a]clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Ephesians 5:18-20

¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Ephesians 5:2-4

² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Lamentations 3:22-23

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Hymn: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my Light, my Strength, my Song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when striving cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his, and he is mine
Bought by the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power in hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand

Benediction

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Women's Bible Study on Monday at 10 am at the Christian Center.

Men's Bible Study at 9 am Monday at the church.

Nov. 30th after the service is "Hanging of the Greens". Please let the office know if you will be able to attend. Walter and Roger will need all the help they can get.

Reminder - our prayer list will start over the first of Dec. Please share updates on your person's progress so we can celebrate positive news and offer continued support. The bulletin will be printed on Dec. 4th, so be sure and give the office or Christy the updated information.

Matthew 19:26

26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."