

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship (Responsively)

Come, let us celebrate
the wondrous gifts that God has given us.
**Throughout all our lives,
God has blessed us with love and hope.**
Praise be to God who provides for us.
**May our hearts be truly grateful,
and may we show our gratitude
by the ways in which we live and care for others.**
Hallelujah! Amen.

Opening Hymn – Come, Ye, Thankful People #588

Scripture Reading – Psalm 100

Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation

Hymn – Count Your Blessings #596

A Litany of Thanksgiving & Prayer (Responsively)

Leader: O God, we thank You for SOUND: for the sheer delight of hearing things; good music, laughter, birds singing, the voices of family members, rain on the roof top, train whistles, dry leaves underfoot and squeaking snow, friendly greetings, the crackling of logs in a fireplace, stimulating conversations, a good joke, God's Word being preached, stadium cheers, church bells, hymns and carols, whispers of love, and for all the forgotten moments that our ears have heard for us.

People: Lord, accept our thanks!

Leader: O Lord, we thank You for SIGHT: for the indescribable glory of seeing things; dawn's first rays over the hillside, sunset colors piercing the clouds, rainbows, moonlight, birds flying across the horizon, ancient Scripture and modern art, distant heights and steep ravines, the flowers of spring, trees of summer, hues of autumn and winter landscapes, swirling galaxies, the grace and beauty of human form, a friendly smile, church steeples, and all the forgotten moments that our eyes have seen for us.

People: Lord, accept our thanks!

Leader: O God, we thank You for TOUCH: for the joy of feeling things; clean sheets, a breeze in summer, silk, sandpaper, hot baths, a loving embrace, a comforting touch, a high five in celebration, cool air, the warmth of the sun, a basketball, volleyball, paper and pen, and for all the forgotten moments that our nerves have felt for us.

People: Lord, accept our thanks!

Leader: Gracious Lord, we thank You for TASTE: for the sheer pleasure of savoring things; oranges in summer and apples in fall, crunchy vegetables, pie at Thanksgiving, birthday cake, hot coffee, cold soda, cool water, crisp salad, blueberries, roast beef, baked turkey, pulled pork, lamb and mint sauce, sweet and sour, pretzels and popcorn, lemonade, chocolate, biscuits and gravy, the Lord's Supper, and for all the forgotten moments that our mouths have savored for us.

People: Lord, accept our thanks!

Leader: Loving God, we thank You for the sense of SMELL: for the subtle thrill of breathing deeply; for the fragrance of the forest, garlic and onions in a gourmet meal, lilacs in the Spring, roses given in love, freshly cut grass, autumn bonfires, the air after rain, perfume and colognes, freshly baked bread, soft leather, sweet rolls, soup

warming, and for all the forgotten aromas our noses have discovered for us.

People: Lord, accept our thanks as we seek to give you the praise of our lips, the worship of our hearts, and the service of our lives. Amen.

Hymn – All Creatures of Our God and King #33

Thanksgiving Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Reading – Luke 17:11-19

Hymn – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #82

Reflection

Hymn – Now Thank We All Our God #592

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you, May He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the eyes of your heart be open to all the blessings which surround you; may this awareness produce a harvest of generosity in your spirit.

May thankfulness rise up within you day after day, from the early morning watch until you retire for the night.

And may the grace, peace, and love of the Triune God, protect, defend, and empower you to run with perseverance the race marked out for you. Amen.

Postlude