

Thanksgiving Worship Service November 23, 2023

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket. We look forward to connecting with you.

We Gather to Give Thanks to God

Prelude "Let All Things Now Living" "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Held arr. Innes

*Call to Worship

You will say on that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel." (Isaiah 12)

*Song of Worship "All Creatures of our God and King"

LUYH 551 vs 1,2 4,6

*Opening Prayer

Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given to us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Song of Worship "Rejoice In All Your Works"

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, We thank you, Lord. For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, We thank you, Lord. For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, We thank you, Lord. For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship, We thank you, Lord. For all who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, We thank you, Lord. For all who earnestly seek after truth, and all who labor for justice, We thank you, Lord. For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, We thank you, Lord. For the communion of saints, in all times and places, We thank you, Lord. Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen. *Hymn of Response "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH 521 **God Speaks His Word** Gospel Reading: John 21:15-19 pg 907

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-5

Song of Response "Give Thanks"

LUYH 358

pg 1016

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "The Resistance"

*Hymn of Response "Ten Thousand Reasons"

God Receives Our Gifts

Offering Grand Haven Christian, Western Michigan Christian, Love in Action or World Renew

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

(Proverbs 3:9-10)

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God"

Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn "Let All Things Now Living"

*Dismissal and Grace

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** (Romans 15:13)

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher Julie Hordyk, Piano Cathy Schaaf, Organ Jeff Erickson, Chris Hordyk, Jason Zuidema, Dennis Schaaf, Brass Chris Hordyk, Patrice Frantz, Vocalists Jane DeGroot, Liturgist

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