

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship - This morning we enter a time of worship with these words from Paul, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:18). No matter what circumstances come our way, we have much for which to be thankful. As you prepare your hearts for worship this morning, praise the Lord for who he is and thank God for all his blessings.

Prelude "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

***Opening #721** "Come Ye Thankful" *St. George's Windsor*
#81 "We Gather Together" *Kremser*
Matthew Smith, Music Director

***Call to Worship** *A Psalm of Thanksgiving*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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***Invocation Prayer** The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Song of Faith #657 "I Will Enter His Gates"
#359 "Give Thanks"

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The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Deuteronomy 8:7-18

A Reading from the Psalm Psalm 65: 1-4, 11-13 (NRSV)
Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

O You who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

A Reading from the Apostles 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

***A Reading from the Holy Gospel** Luke 17:11-19

Response #14 "Now Thank We All Our God" *Nun Danket*

Children's Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

The Message

“The Lord’s Blessing”

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song #710** “Trees of the Field” *Steffi Geiser Rubin*

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude

Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

**Please stand if able*

BELIEVER’S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism,” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month and special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with others, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Call Pastor Ivan to deliver communion for the homebound.

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