



*A Community
Thanksgiving*

*O taste and see that the Lord is Good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.*

PSALM 34:8

November 24, 2022
THANKSGIVING DAY

PRELUDE

Chorale Preludes on
Nun Danket alle Gott, Opus 65, No. 13

Dr. Susan Klotzbach, organist
Sigfrid Karg-Elert, 1906

WELCOME

Rev. Kristie Finley

INTROIT

The Lord Is Good attr. Christopher Tye (c. 1500–1572)
John Cozens, after Isaac Watts

*The Lord is good! His love will raise a joyful harvest song;
sing, "He is good!" and let his praise from every tongue be heard.
The Lord is good! He gives us bread; he gives his children more:
By him their souls with grace are fed a rich and endless store.*

Combined Choirs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Lynne Atherton

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

It is God that made us, and we are the Lord's;

People: **We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

People: **Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

People: **And the Lord's faithfulness to all generations.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Amy Gillespie

Leader: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Let us give thanks for God's free gift of grace, and in freedom, confess the wrong we have done.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In Christ we have received the forgiveness of sins and the riches of God's grace. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Kristie Finley

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Sue Thomas

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Old Testament, page 180 in the pew Bible)

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.”

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Prayer of Thanksgiving Nederlandtsche Gedenck-clanck, arr. Eduard Kremser, 1877
Dr. Theodore Baker, 1903

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing cease them from distressing,
sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine,
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mike Adams

Philippians 4:4-9 (New Testament, page 198 in the pew Bible)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jihan B. Murray-Smith

John 6:25-35 (New Testament page 98 in the pew Bible)

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Claire Makins

*HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 37

Let All Things Now Living

Tune: ASH GROVE

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lynne Atherton

Today's offering goes to Langford Community Academy in Englewood.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 8: O Lord, Our Lord,
How Majestic is Thy Name in All the Earth

Gerhard Krapf, 1972

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Reverends Kristie Finley, Amy Gillespie & Claire Makins

THE INVITATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

The ushers will invite you to come forward to receive the Bread and Cup. Please return to your seat and partake of the bread. We will hold the cup and drink together. If you are unable to come forward, you will be served the elements.

CLOSING PRAYER

***HYMN OF DEDICATION, NO. 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Reverends Kristie Finley, Amy Gillespie & Claire Makins

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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***POSTLUDE**

The Thanks of the Mountain Family
for their Divine Providence

William Albright, 1984