



Thanksgiving Worship

November 23, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "We Praise You, O God"

arr. Ronald Nelson

Gathering

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

All: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Liturgist: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations."
Psalm 89:1-4

* **All Singing:** 560 "We Praise You, O God"

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing:** 5 "Let All Things Now Living"

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?

All: You, Lord, are mighty and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Liturgist: The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.

All: **Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.** *Psalm 89:6, 8, 11, 14*

Liturgist: Lord hear us as we pray:

All: **God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshipped other gods. We have served self-interest. We have not loved our neighbors as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.**

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Liturgist: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

All: **They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness.**

Liturgist: For you are their glory and strength, and by your favor you exalt our horn.

All: **Indeed, our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**
Psalm 89:15-18

* **All Singing:** **743 “O God, You Are My God”**
Singing through twice

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **May the words of your servants’ mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

Scripture: Psalm 100

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: A Thanksgiving Trio

GLENN MEDEMA

Liturgist: Shout of joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;

All: **Come before him with joyful songs.**

All Singing: **543 “Now Thank We All Our God”**
Singing verse 1

MARY BENDER

Liturgist: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

All: **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

All Singing: 543 “Now Thank We All Our God”
Singing verse 2

ROGER NELSON

Liturgist: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. *Psalm 100*

* **All Singing: 543 “Now Thank We All Our God”**
Singing verse 3

Dedication

A THANKSGIVING CHORUS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

1. Thanksgiving Causes or General Fund for undesignated gifts

OFFERTORY “Give Thanks”

arr. Tom Fettke

* **All Singing: 965 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 873 “Praise and Thanksgiving”**

Postlude: “Thanks Be To God”

by George Frederick Handel

Worship Leaders

Organist: Lynn Hollender
Vocalists: Lisa Dykstra
Sarah Rinkenberger
Liturgist: Patty DeJong
Minister: Roger Nelson

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