

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 24, 2024, 10:40 a.m.

WELCOME BEFORE THE LORD

PRELUDE: "Fanfare on St. George's Windsor"

arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME

HYMN OF JOY: "Come, You Thankful People, Come!"

(LBW #407, green book)

Verse 1 Come, you thankful people come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Verse 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His harvest home. From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away. Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast. But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Verse 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to Your final harvest-home. Gather all Your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin. There, forever purified, in Your garner to abide. Come, with all Your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

HYMN of PRAISE:

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, Sing! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Refrain
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer! *Refrain*
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father! *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty God, Our Father,

All: Your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, so that you may live and increase, and go in and take possession of the land which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers. ²And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, in order to humble you, putting you to the test, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³And He humbled you and let you go hungry, and fed you with the manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, in order to make you understand that man shall not live on bread alone, but man shall live on everything that comes out of the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty

years. ⁵So you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son. ⁶Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of streams of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in valleys and hills; ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines, fig trees, and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; ⁹a land where you will eat food without shortage, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

THE DIALOG OF PRAISE:

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.

C: **For in your wisdom you have formed us.**

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

C: Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as He entered a village, ten men with leprosy who stood at a distance met Him; ¹³ and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Now one of them, when

he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ But Jesus responded and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine – where are they? ¹⁸ Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."

THE THANKSGIVING ENCOURAGEMENT: *"So thankful that Christ (and not another) is our King"*

THE LITURGY OF PRAISE

WE SING OUR PRAISE TO GOD:

"I Am Thankful"

Children's Choir

Killian, Stevens, Einerson

"I Thank You, Lord"

The Adult Choir

Joseph M. Martin

Lord, when I think about the music of thy life, Your songs of joy, your love songs in the night, I'm filled with wonder and with praise at the beauty of your grace. I thank you, Lord. I thank you, Lord.

And when I gather in this house, this sacred place, And when I sing the hymns and anthems of my faith, I'm filled with hope and gratitude as I lift my heart to you. I thank you, Lord. I thank you, Lord.

Oh, how can I keep from singing? How can I keep from lifting up my voice? Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? How can I help but praise the Lord? How can I keep from praising Christ my Savior, when he has done so much for me? I will exalt his Name and not be silent, God's love has set my music free!

Now when I think upon the blessings of this life, the forest deep, the glory of the skies, The promise of the rising sun, and the moon when day is done, I thank you, Lord. I thank you, Lord.

And when I look into the eyes of those I love, Or when I gaze upon the starry night above, My heart is filled with joyful praise, and I bless your holy Name. I thank you, Lord. I thank you, Lord.

Oh, how can I keep from singing? How can I keep from lifting up my voice? Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? How can I help but praise the Lord? I will praise the Lord.

"Grateful"

The Praise Team

Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Matthew Ntlele & Stefan Green

V. 1 This is the day that you have made; whatever comes, I won't complain. For all my hope is in your name, and now your joy awaits my praise.

Chorus 1 *I give thanks for all you have done, and I will sing of your mercy and your love. Your love is unfailing; Lord, I am grateful.*

V. 2 When I was down, you brought me out and set my feet on higher ground. So here I stand; you are my God. Your faithfulness, my solid rock.

Chorus 2 *I give thanks for all you have done, I won't forget all the battles you have won. Your love is unfailing; Lord, I am grateful.*

Bridge *And as we lift our hands the heavens open, heavens open. So let our lives declare the love our God has spoken over us. (Chorus 2)*

THE GATHERING OF OUR THANKS

A SHARING OF GIFTS, *our Mercy Basket today supports Walker County Toys*

A SHARING OF THANKS AND PRAYER IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY *(Pastor offers the Collect)*

THE HYMN OF FEASTING: "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE:

"Thanksgiving"

arr. Charles Callahan

THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR YOUR HOME

O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. I thank you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield its increase. Hear our thankful prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.