

## We Are Reminded of God's Goodness

Song of Preparation: "Let All Things Now Living"

LUYH 5

Reading from the Apocrypha book: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 50:22–24

<sup>22</sup> And now bless the God of all, who everywhere works great wonders, who fosters our growth from birth, and deals with us according to his mercy.

<sup>23</sup> May he give us gladness of heart, and may there be peace in our days in Israel, as in the days of old.

<sup>24</sup> May he entrust to us his mercy, and may he deliver us in our days!

Meditation: "God's Bounty and Our Gratitude "

Dr. John Kok

## We Respond to the Good News

\*Song of Response: "Now Thank We All Our God"

LUYH 543

*We will speak stanzas 1 & 2 and sing stanza 3*

Giving Thanks

*You are invited to share what you are thankful for this Thanksgiving.*

*Microphones are set up in various locations around the sanctuary—  
please use them so everyone is able to hear.*

Closing Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Song: "In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

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### Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. John Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries  
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# Thanksgiving Day

November 28, 2019



## Now thank we all our God

## We Gather to Give Thanks and Praise

Welcome

\*Call to Worship: "Ten Thousand Reasons"

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\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (based on Psalm 100, 116:12, 17)

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!**

**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with singing!**

For all the times we laughed till our sides ached;  
for all the times we were troubled and friends we didn't know we had  
sprang up from nowhere and ministered to us;  
for all the times we could have chosen evil over good, but didn't;  
for all the times we could have been hurt, but weren't;  
for all the times we could have died suddenly and unprepared, but didn't.  
O Lord, we thank you.

**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.**

For the sheer wonder of our creation, preservation, and redemption;  
for the privilege of prayer, the gift of the Spirit, and the gifts of the Spirit;  
for the everlasting arms beneath us, the watchful eye above us,  
the friends around us, and the trust within us;  
O Lord, we thank you.

\*Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

1. ***What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;***

***What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.***

*Chorus:*

***Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

3. ***What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.***

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**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

For our churches,  
and all things good and godly they have done and been;  
for all their saints whom we have laid to rest; and for their little children,  
who shall one day lay our bodies to rest and carry on in our stead;  
O Lord, we thank you.

**For the Lord is good.**

For seedtime and harvest and food enough;  
for every good night's sleep and every good day's work;  
for every good friend and every grand sunset;  
for warm memories of the past and the promise of an eternal tomorrow;  
for eyes to see beauty, ears to hear a bird's songs,  
hands to hold someone else's hands, and someone else's hands to hold;  
O Lord, we thank you.

Song: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

LUYH 348:1,2

**His steadfast love endures forever  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

For all persons whose love for us is unconditional,  
and in whose presence we can drop all pretense,  
be ourselves, and know that we shall be accepted;  
for the one who calls us long distance and the one who calls us darling,  
and the one who calls us Dad or Mom;  
for the one who shall one day call us into eternity;  
O Lord, we thank you.

Song: "Now Thank We All Our God"

LUYH 543:1,2

What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

**We will offer to him the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Amen.**

Offering of our Gifts

Our Thanksgiving envelopes list a variety of causes to support with your Thanksgiving Day offerings. Extra envelopes are available on the back table in the fellowship hall. All un-designated offerings will go to the General Fund.

Offertory Song: "Grant Now Your Blessing"

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