
We Are Sent Out with Thanksgiving

Closing Prayer

*Words of Blessing & Sending: Colossians 3:15-17 p.1835

*Closing Song: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

Postlude: "Let All Things Now Living"

Worship Participants

Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Worship Leaders: DeVries family, Dave Schelhaas, Stiemsma family
 Strings: Kinza Brue, Jenna Holst, Tim Rylaarsdam, Erika Ver Steeg, Derek Friend,
 Hannah Landman, Jocelyn Zonnefeld, Levi Landman

Sound: Dennis DeJong ♦ Projection: Marty Vander Plaats ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

Hearing Assistance



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Thanksgiving Day

November 24, 2022



Psalm 141:2

May my prayer be set before you like incense;
 may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

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Be sure to take a strip of paper and writing utensil from the back of church to be used as part of our thanks-offering!

We Gather to Give Thanks and Praise

Prelude: “Now Thank We All Our God”
 “We Gather Together”
 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

*Songs of Thanksgiving: “Let All Things Now Living” LUYH 5
 “We Praise You, O God” LUYH 560

*Psalm of Praise & God’s Greeting (from Psalm 147, II Peter 1:2)

Our help is in the name of our God,
 who made heaven and earth.

Amen.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

Make music upon the harp.

How good it is to celebrate God’s presence
 and sing praise throughout each day!

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God.

Our God rebuilds the people of earth.

The wandering ones are gathered together,
 the brokenhearted are healed, the hungry are fed,
 the prisoners are freed, the blind are given sight,
 the lonely are befriended.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God.

All of nature sings aloud the goodness of God—
 clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small.

Our God creates and sustains our world
 with his ever-growing, never-ending love.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God.

Grace and peace be ours in abundance
 through the knowledge of God and of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

*Song of Praise: “For the Beauty of the Earth” LUYH 19:1,2,4,5

Poem: “Wonder”

(This was a crowd-sourced poem gathered at Covenant in Spring, 2022)

Song of Praise: “We Will Extol You, God and King” LUYH 562:1-3

Our Praises Rise Like Incense

Children’s Sermon

We invite children up to 4th grade to come forward!

We Bring Our Prayers and Offerings

As we sing, all who wish are invited to bring forward written prayers of thanksgiving and place them in the bowl to symbolize our prayers being set before God as incense.

At the same time you may bring your thanksgiving offering envelopes forward, for we offer our thanks to God not just in words or prayers but also in action and in giving.

Songs: “Before the Throne of God Above” LUYH 682:1,3
 “For the Fruit of All Creation” LUYH 396
 “Goodness of God”

(Soloist sings first verse and chorus, congregation joins on second verse.)

**1. I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
 All my days I've been held in Your hands.
 From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
 I will sing of the goodness of God.**

Chorus:

**All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
 With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**2. I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
 In darkest night, You are close like no other.
 I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
 I have lived in the goodness of God. (to chorus)**

Bridge:

**Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.**