

THANKSGIVING  
*Day*   
WORSHIP SERVICE

ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 28, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

## We Give Thanks

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.  
Please silence your mobile device.*

### INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:

Improvisation on "For the Fruit of All Creation" . . . . . arr. Statom  
*Gabriel C. Statom, organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP. . . . . Ronald G. Sadlow

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 604 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" . . . . . MARION

♠SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 . . . . . Hugh Stephens III

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

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

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

For the Lord is good;

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

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . MARION

**Praise Him Who reigns on high,  
The Lord Whom we adore,  
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Great God and King, for all that is gracious in our lives,  
revealing the image of Christ,

**we give You thanks.**

For our daily food and drink,  
our homes and families, and our friends,

**we give You thanks.**

For minds to think and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**we give You thanks.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**we give You thanks.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty and justice,

**we give You thanks.**

Now, in silence, we offer to you  
our individual prayers of thanksgiving.  
For the great mercies and promises given to us  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**to You, O God, be praise and glory.**

HYMN OF THANKFUL PRAISE: "For the Fruit of All Creation"... AR HYD NOS

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING TO THE LORD

*Our offering today will benefit typhoon relief efforts in the Philippines.*

OFFERTORY SOLO: "There is Much in the World" . . . . . Carson Cooman

There is much in the world that can call forth our praise.  
 You have made it all.  
 As our song now takes up sights and sounds of the earth,  
 All voices shall be one.  
 For the sound of the rain, for the fierce rushing waves,  
 For water quiet and cool,  
 We give praise and thanks. In each droplet we see  
 All of Your love for us.

For the warmth of a fire, for a blaze through the sky,  
 For orange and yellow sparks, we give praise and thanks.  
 In each flicker we see all of Your love for us.  
 For the green of the earth, for the rich, leafy trees,  
 For air that's fresh and clean,  
 We give praise and thanks.  
 Through each breath and each glimpse,  
 We see Your love for us.

*Abby Brown, soloist*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . GIVE THANKS

**Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks, because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong;”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.”**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

TESTIMONY . . . . . Julia Bellott

SCRIPTURE READING . . . . . Colossians 3:12-17  
(page 984 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;  
**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

HOMILY                      *In the Soil of a Thankful Heart*                      Richard G. Cain

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 125 “Let All Things Now Living” . . . ASH GROVE

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Old Hundredth” . . . . . Piet Post

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*    CCLI License #252778

## Worship with Us During Advent

**Hanging of the Green Service: December 1, 6:00 p.m.**

**Handel’s Messiah: December 8, 6:00 p.m.**

**Festival of Carols: December 15, 6:00 p.m.**

**PJ Story Time: December 18, 6:00 p.m.**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 22**

Nine Lessons and Carols, 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Advent Evensong: 6:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Worship: December 24**

4:00 p.m., Family Service featuring Christmas video and children’s message  
5:30 and 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Services with the Chancel Choir  
11:00 p.m. Midnight Christmas Communion with The Westminster Singers

*Nursery for children ages 4 and under is available for all events  
except PJ Story Time and the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.*

*All services are held in the Sanctuary. PJ Story Time will meet in the Fellowship Hall.*

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