

THANKSGIVING

Worship Service

Second Presbyterian Church · November 18, 2018 · 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

✦ **Call to Worship:** Psalm 95:1-2 Gerry Peak
Assistant Pastor, Senior Adults

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

✦ **Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name.

And blessed be Your Name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

Blessed be the Name of the Lord; blessed be Your Name.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord; blessed be Your glorious Name.

Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be Your Name.

And blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name.

You give and take away. You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say: Lord, blessed be Your Name.

✦ **We Gather Together**

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

He chastens and hastens His will to make known.

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;

Sing praises to His name He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine.
So from the beginning, the fight we were winning,
Thou Lord was at our side, the glory be Thine.

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader in battle
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised, O Lord, make us free!

✠ **Invocation** *(please raise hands)*

✠ **Litany of Thanksgiving** Grace Simmons

I will give thanks to You, O God, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
I will give thanks to You with my whole heart
and recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

**We thank You, O Father, for calling us to faith in Christ,
for putting Your Spirit within us,
for giving us the mind of Christ,
and for gathering us into Your church.**

I give thanks to You, O Lord, for You are good;
Your steadfast love endures forever!
You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my God; and I will extol You.

**We thank You, Lord Jesus,
for living the life we should have lived,
for dying the death we should have died,
for enduring the hell we rightfully deserved,
and for rising to secure for us Your gift
of eternal life and unending relationship with God.**

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
for You are my strength and my shield;
in You my heart trusts, and I am helped.

**We thank You, O Spirit, for You are the Lord and giver of life.
We give You thanks for removing from us
our hard hearts and giving us new hearts
to love, trust, serve and obey You.**

It is good to give thanks to You, O Lord,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

and to make known Your deeds among the peoples! Amen.

Worship of God with the Gifts of God

*Tonight's offering will benefit World Relief-Malawi,
Calvary Rescue Mission, and Memphis Union Mission.*

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

✦ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

✦ **Greetings and Announcements**

Scripture Reading John 14:25-27
(page 901 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

Sermon: Jesus – Our Peace Amidst the Chaos Tim Russell
Assistant Pastor, Middle Adults

Invitation to the Table

All who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church are welcomed to receive communion tonight. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. All communion wafers are gluten free.

Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Songs for the Table

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."
Give thanks.

When I Survey

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain, I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
Thank You for the cross, I thank You for the cross.
I thank You for the cross, my Lord.
I love You for the cross, I love You for the cross.
I love You for the cross, my Lord.

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy – his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.
Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word.

He Has Made Me Glad/Every Time I Feel the Spirit

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad!
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

✠**Benediction** (*please raise hands*)

✠*Indicates standing*

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Elders are available following the service for prayer and anointing with oil.