

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring” . . . . . Michael Morgan  
*Text from Psalm 138*

With grateful heart my thanks I bring; before the gods Your praise I sing.  
I worship in Your holy place and praise You for Your truth and grace;  
For truth and grace together shine in Your most holy Word divine.

I cried to You, and You did save; Your word of grace new courage gave.  
The kings of earth shall thank You, Lord, for they have heard Your wondrous word;  
Yes, they shall come with songs of praise for great and glorious are Your ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, You reign alone in heavenly height;  
The proud in vain Your favor seek, but You have mercy for the meek.  
Through trouble though my pathway be, You will revive and strengthen me.

You will stretch forth Your mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm.  
The work You have for me begun shall by Your grace be fully done.  
Your love forever will endure: Your mercy, Lord, is ever sure.

*Christy, Lizzy, Laura, and Keith Young*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . FAITHFULNESS

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see:**  
**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;**  
**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

NEW TESTAMENT READING . . . . . Mark 6:30-44  
*(page 841 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 *More Than We Expect* Gerry A. Peak

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND COMMITMENT

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

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

**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:

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” . . . . . Piet Post/Statom

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

*The paraments in the Sanctuary today have been changed to the red that we traditionally use for Thanksgiving. The beautiful pulpit Scarf and Bible Markers are the original paraments which graced our Sanctuary for all of its years until the time we began keeping the colors of the church year as it follows the life of Christ. They bear the letters IHS, Iota Eta Sigma, the first three letters in the name of Jesus written in Greek. It is particularly appropriate that as we celebrate a day of national thanksgiving, we remember the One from Whom all blessings flow, and that blessing for which we are most thankful: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through whom we receive grace, forgiveness, and eternal life.*



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May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,  
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.

## WE GIVE THANKS

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

PIANO PRELUDE: "For the Fruit of All Creation" . . . . .arr. Frank Stoldt  
Gabriel C. Statom, piano

SOLO INTROIT: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" . . . . .FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Christy Young, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP. . . . .Michael G. Stokke

✦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 363 "We Gather Together" . . . . .KREMSER

✦PSALTER READING . . . . .Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The Lord works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father shows compassion to his children,

**so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . .KREMSER

**With voices united our praises we offer,  
To You, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF GRATITUDE:

"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" . . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend  
Stanza 1, solo; Stanzas 2 & 3, Congregation Joins



1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who  
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who  
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who



bore my pain; Who plumbed the depths of my dis-  
walks be-side; Who floods my weak-ness-es with  
reigns a-bove; Whose wis-dom is my per-fect



grace and gave me life a-gain; Who crushed my curse of  
strength and caus-es fears to fly. Whose ev-'ry prom-ise  
peace, whose ev-'ry thought is love. For ev-'ry day I



sin-ful-ness and clothed me with His light and wrote His  
is e-nough for ev-'ry step I take. Sus-tain-ing  
have on earth is giv-en by the King. So I will



law of right-eous-ness with pow'r up-on my heart.  
me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.  
give my life, my all, to love and fol-low Him.

LITANY 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.**

For the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
to You, O God, be praise and glory.

**Amen.**

✦HYMN OF GRATITUDE: No. 98 "Now Thank We All Our God" . . . . .NUN DANKET

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING TO THE LORD

Today's offering will benefit Calvary Rescue Mission, Memphis Union Mission,  
and our strategic partners in Greece who are planting churches among immigrants  
in Greece as well as helping various churches serve immediate needs of refugees.  
Special Thanksgiving Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.