

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

October 11, 2020

Prelude: Variations on “Come ye thankful people come” by organist Bruce Nasmith

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to worship as those who do not always remember to give thanks.

Sometimes we feel entitled to what we have and what we receive.

Sometimes we feel pity for ourselves.

Sometimes we resent things in our lives and we cannot shake feeling life's unfairness.

We come to experience life anew as a gift.

We come to find fresh inspiration to experience the goodness of life in spite of all that has gone wrong and can go wrong.

We come to find God.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Hymn: “For the fruits of all creation”

No. 802

1. For the fruits of all creation
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;

in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever...

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: "Be thou my vision"

Bob Chilcot

Soloist Anna Bateman with choristers Erin Stone, Shaun Alphonso, Chris Tanaka-Mann and pianist Bruce Nasmith

Scripture Readings: Luke 17: 11-19; Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Luke 17: 11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

29 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. 4 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

We are listening, O God;

Speak to us!

Sermon:

THE POWER IN GRATITUDE

Dr. Harris

(Full sermon can be found at the end of the bulletin)

Special Music: "Thank you"

Ray Boltz

Soloist Erin Stone with choristers Anna Bateman, Shaun Alphonso, Chris Tanaka-Mann and pianist Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: "Give thanks, my soul, for harvest"

No. 805

1. Give thanks, my soul, for harvest,
for store of fruit and grain,
but know the owner gives
us that we may share again;
where souls are lone and hungry,
where needy children cry,
with gifts from God's rich bounty
may thankfulness reply.

3. Give thanks, my soul, for labours
that strength and days employ,
but know your Maker's purpose
brings toil as well as joy.
Where leads the path to error,
where justice lies in chain,
where hoarders cause new hunger,
there must we strive again.

2. Give thanks, my soul, for riches
of woodland, mine and hill,
but know that gold and timber
are the Creator's still,
and God's on loan to stewards
to fashion and to share,
providing all earth's children
the blessing of God's care.

4. Give thanks, my soul, for beauty,
for vision, hope and skill,
for Christ, divine revealer
of God's redeeming will.
Show forth, O God, your purpose;
direct our will and hand
to share your love and bounty
with all, in every land.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude: Variations on "Now thank we all our God"

by organist Bruce Nasmith

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