

M: For *All* these and countless other blessings to body and soul which are new to us each morning, we thank and praise you. We unite our hearts and voices in approaching your throne of grace also to sing:

C: **We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy Name; glad praises we sing.**

We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.  
Through trial and temptest our guide you have been;  
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.  
(CW 609:1,2)

### PRAYER

M: Gracious God, all that we have comes from you. Guard us from the temptation to let our love grow cold during these last days. Instead, root us in your love so that we may joyfully use all your gifts in service to you and your people. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

### LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN: CW 334

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings**





Worship Guide  
Thanksgiving Eve  
November 23, 2016



**Thanks Be To God!**

**PASTOR'S GREETING**

**HYMN: CW 610**

**Now Thank We All Our God**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

- M: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- C: **Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**
- M: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- C: **I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**
- M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- C: **Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**
- M: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
- C: **I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

For her our prayers shall rise, to God above the skies;  
On him we wait.  
Thou who art ever night, guarding with watchful eye,  
To thee aloud we cry, God save the state!  
(CW 619:1,2)

- M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the *Victory* you have given to our fellow pilgrims and our own loved ones who now live with you in glory.
- C: **For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
All who by faith before the world confessed,  
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
You, Lord, their captain, in the well-fought fight  
And in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! (CW 551:1-2)

- M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the *Growth of Your Kingdom* among us and others, to the glory of your name and the salvation of souls.
- C: **From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Eternal are your mercies Lord;  
Eternal is your glorious Word. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
(CW 250:1,2)

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of *Faith and Salvation*, by which we have been made your children and heirs of life everlasting.

C: **To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory –great things he has done!  
(CW 399:1)**

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of Life and the abundance of our *Earthly Possessions*.

C: **For the fruit of his creation, Thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we  
are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.  
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despair-  
ing,  
In the harvest we are sharing, God's will be done.  
(CW 611:1,2)**

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the countless blessings you have showered upon us in this *Nation* and among its Citizens.

C: **God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night!  
When the wild tempest rave, ruler of wind and wave,  
Do thou our country save, by thy great might.**

M: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Consider What the Father Our Creator Has Done

M: I believe that God our Father made me and every creature.  
C: **And that he gave me my body and soul, eyes and ears,  
my mind, my talents, and all my abilities.**

M: I believe that God our Creator still preserves me as I live in this world.  
C: **He richly and daily provides clothing and shoes, house and home, family, food, and money. He provides everything I need to keep my body and life.**

M: I believe that God my Creator also defends and protects me.  
C: **Through his angels he watches over my life.**

M: We are not worthy to receive such great blessings from God  
C: **Yet since we do receive them, it is our duty to thank and praise him for his tender care.**

READING

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

HYMN: CW 234 (verses 1-3) **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

## Consider What the Son, Our Redeemer, Has Done

M: I believe that Jesus Christ our Lord is true God, begotten of the Father from eternity.

C: **He is at the same time also true man, born of the Virgin Mary.**

M: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature.

C: **He has purchased me with his holy blood, and won me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.**

M: He redeemed me that I should be his own.

C: **And serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.**

M: Through his resurrection, he has made us to be his kingdom and priests.

C: **To serve our God and Father day and night in his temple.**

READING Luke 19:1-10

HYMN: CW 369 (verses 1,4) Beautiful Savior

## Consider What the Spirit, Our Sanctifier, Has Done

M: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him.

C: **But the Holy Spirit has brought us to faith through the Gospel.**

M: He has sanctified us, and enlightened us to know the truth.

C: **He has made known unto us the path of life.**

M: He has filled us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

C: **We lack no spiritual gift with which to serve God and his people as we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus.**

M: He has worked through the Word and sacraments to keep us in the Christian faith.

C: **And he will raise us up on the Last Day to live forever with the Lord.**

READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

HYMN: CW 615 We Thank You For Your Blessings

ADDRESS Matthew 15:36-37

“Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied.”

**OFFERING:** *Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. As the offering is collected, please fill out a friendship card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.*

## Litany of Prayer and Praise

*The Congregational responses will be sung.*

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of *Your Word*, through which we have found peace, comfort, assurance and eternal hope.

C: **O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,  
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.  
(CW 279:1)**