

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

*The candles on the altar are lit, reminding us of the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

OUR FAITH IN ACTION - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
Thank You, God, for families and friends.*

**ALL: Thank You for the warmth of kitchens and campfires.**

*God, how great is Your name throughout the earth!  
Thank You, God, for pumpkin pie and faithful dogs,*

**ALL: for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clear air.**

*We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love,  
for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.*

*God is good,*

**All the time!**

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\* HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

No. 422, vss. 1 & 2

*Come, O thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in  
as the winter storms begin;  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the blessings of the field,  
all the stores the gardens yield,  
all the fruits in full supply  
ripened 'neath the summer sky,  
All that spring with bounteous hand  
scatters o'er the smiling land,  
all that liberal autumn pours  
from its rich o'erflowing stores.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, Source of all that makes life possible, Giver of all that makes life good, we gather to give You our thanks. We confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness: what we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered Your bounty with little thought for those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. Accept our thanksgiving, and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silent Prayers of Reconciliation*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

To all who ask, God freely offers forgiveness of sins, a chance to start over, a new beginning. Friends, believe and live the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you.**



**1 Thessalonians 5 (Selected verses)**

*Christ died for us, so that we could live with him, whether we are alive or dead when he comes. That's why you must encourage and help each other, just as you are already doing. . . . Encourage anyone who feels left out, help all who are weak, and be patient with everyone. Don't be hateful to people, just because they are hateful to you. Rather, be good to each other and to everyone else.*

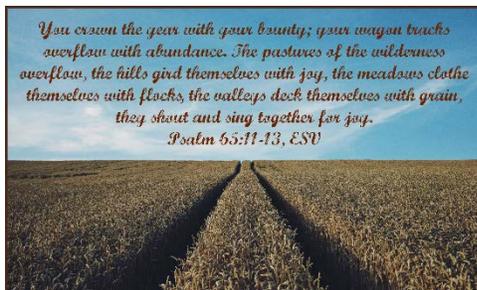
*Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do. . . . I pray that God, who gives peace, will make you completely holy. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept healthy and faultless until our Lord Jesus Christ returns. The One who chose you can be trusted, and he will do this. Friends, please pray for us. Give the Lord's followers a warm greeting. In the name of the Lord I beg you to read this letter to all his followers. I pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you!*

**Psalm 65: 8-13**

*. . . Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.*

*You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.*

*You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.*

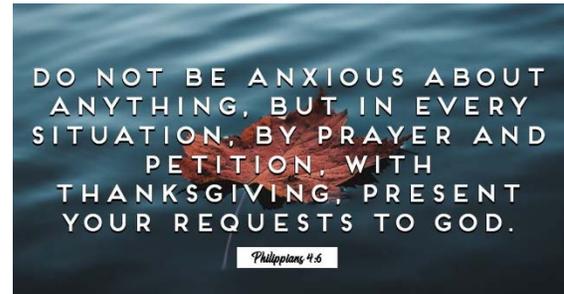


*You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.*

*The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.*

**Philippians 4:4-9**

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*



*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

God is good,

**ALL: All the time!**

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**ALL: God is good!**

A TIME OF REFLECTION AND THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 420, vs. 1

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God of all creation. You are indeed the Lord of harvest, for from You comes every drop of rain, every ray of sunshine, every nutrient in the soil; everything that gives life. Help us to remember that without You we would have nothing.

**Fill us with Your generosity so that we may also become people of harvest, giving and sharing our blessings, our wealth of food and goods, with all the peoples of this world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Now Thank We all our God*

No. 419

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,  
Who, from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,  
To Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore.  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

\*BENEDICTION & SENDING INTO MINISTRY

*from the Byzantine Vespers*

Knowing the commands of Christ, let this be our way of life:

Let us feed the hungry,  
Let us give the thirsty drink  
Let us clothe the naked,  
Let us welcome strangers,  
Let us remember those in prison and the sick  
Then the Judge of all will say even to us:  
Come, you blessed of the Lord, inherit the kingdom prepared for you!  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

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***Thank you to tonight's Worship helpers:***

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