

WHATEVER IS *true,*  
WHATEVER IS *honorable,*  
WHATEVER IS *just,*  
WHATEVER IS *pure...*

IF THERE IS ANYTHING  
*worthy of praise,*  
THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

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*Thanksgiving Worship Service*  
*November 21, 2017*

## Organ Prelude

### Call to Worship-*Psalm 100*

**Leader:** Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's  
presence with a song.

**People:** **Know this: The Lord alone is God; we belong  
to the Lord, who made us, we are God's people  
and the sheep of God's pasture.**

**Leader:** Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy  
courts with praise; give thanks and call upon the name of  
the Lord.

**People:** **For good is the Lord, whose mercy is  
everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures  
from age to age.**

### \*Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty God: In love you spread good gifts before us,  
more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach,  
and save us. We confess that we always want more;  
that we never share as freely as you give. We resent  
what we lack, and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse  
what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed  
and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such  
pleasure in your goodness that we will always be  
thanking you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
(Silent Prayer)**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

### \*Glory Be to the Father

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Epistle Lesson     Philippians 4:4-9**

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**Sermon                     “Faith and Gratitude”**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn             All of Life is Filled With Wonder**

**All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —  
For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;  
For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,  
God, we praise and thank you, knowing every day we're truly blessed.**

**For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,  
For the smell of fresh bread baking, for the sound of children's play,  
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,  
God we humbly praise and thank you for your presence with us here.**

**For the ways we're blessed with plenty — love and laughter, neighbors,  
friends,  
Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty, life in you that never ends,  
For the ones who've gone before us, giving witness to your way —  
We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.**

**For your love in times of trouble, for your peace when things are tough,  
For your help when hardships double, for your grace that is enough,  
For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill —  
God, we thank you that you bless us, and you bless your world as well.**

**For the baby in the manger, for the cross and empty tomb,  
For each time a searching stranger finds at church a welcome home,  
For your kingdom's great surprises — poor ones lifted, lost ones found  
God, we thank you! Hope still rises, for your gifts of grace abound.**

**\*Sharing the Peace** (*"The Peace of Christ be with you" "And also with you"*)

**\*Offertory**

**"A Prayer of Thanksgiving"**  
**Matthew Lulofs, Baritone**  
**The Overbrook Choir**

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**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Litany of Thanksgiving**

**Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.**

**People: God's love is everlasting.**

**Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.**

**People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

**Leader: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful  
and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;**

**People: Thank you, God.**

**Leader: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking  
together; for common hopes and hardships shared from  
birth until our dying;**

**People: Thank you, God.**

**Leader: For work to do and strength to work for the comradeship  
of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;**

**People: Thank you, God.**

**Leader:** For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one;  
for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets  
kept in love;

**People:** Thank you, God.

**Leader:** For family; for living together and eating together; for  
family amusements and family pleasures;

**People:** Thank you, God.

**Leader:** For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave  
play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

**People:** Thank you, God.

**Leader:** For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence  
toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for  
their solemn vows;

**People:** Thank you, God.

**Leader:** For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by  
experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious  
by its passing;

**People:** Thank you, God.

**Leader:** For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing  
our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger.

**People:** Thank you, God.

**Leader:** For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

**People:** We praise you, God.

**Leader:** For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

**People:** We praise you, God.

**Leader:** Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

**People:** We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

**Leader:** Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

**People:** God's love is everlasting. Amen.

This Litany of Thanksgiving can be used tomorrow for your Thanksgiving Day devotions. Copied from *The Worship book* (Westminster Press, 1970).

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 37                    "Let All Things Now Living"                    ASH GROVE

\*Benediction

Postlude

## Table Graces

*Below are some Table Graces to share with your family this Thanksgiving*

☞ Heavenly Father, We are grateful for these and all of the blessings and may we be ever mindful of the needs of others. For Christ Sake, Amen

☞ Bless us, O Lord  
And these thy gifts  
Which we are about to receive from thy bounty  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen

☞ Thank you God for this food;  
For rest and home and all things good; For rain and wind and sun above; But most of all, for those we love!

☞ Father, bless the food we take and bless us all, for Jesus' sake. Amen

☞ I Jesu namn till bords vi gå,  
välsigna Gud den mat vi få.  
Translation:  
In Jesus' name to the table we go  
God bless the food we receive.

☞ Bless, O Lord, this food to our use and our lives to your service.

☞ For rest and food, and loving care, and all that makes the world so fair, Father we thank thee, Amen.

☞ (The first verse of a hymn)  
Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, for He is kind:  
for His mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

☞ (From the Girl Scouts)  
The Johnny Appleseed Grace:  
O, The Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me  
The things I need,  
The sun and the rain and the appleseed,  
The Lord is good to me. Amen.

☞ (Sung to the tune of Frère Jacques)  
God our Father, God our Father,  
Once again, once again,  
For this food we thank you,  
For this food we thank you,  
Amen.

☞ God, we thank you for this food,  
For rest and home and all things good—And bless the poor! Amen.

☞ May the Lord bless us and make us truly thankful for this food which we are about to receive. Make us ever mindful of the needs of others. We humbly beg in Christ's name. Amen.

☞ We thank you, Lord, for what we are about to receive in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

☞ **“The Superman Grace” (sung to the Superman theme song with arms help up, flying):**

**Thank you, Lord, for giving us food!**

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**For health and STRE-ngth,**

**And daily BREA-d!**

**Thank you, Lord, for giving us food.**

**Amen.**

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