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THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

November 22, 2023, 7:00pm

WELCOME to worship! Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in the journey of faith, you are welcome here to receive the abundance of God's love and grace for you. Happy Thanksgiving!

GUESTS - We're glad you have joined us! Please sign-in at the Welcome Table to receive a gift. Thank you for worshipping with us.

THE PRELUDE: *Song of Hope* by Iouri Grichetchkine

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

(People read **bold** words.)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is God! He made us and we are His.

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to God; bless God's holy name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,

and His faithfulness to all generations.

THE GATHERING HYMN: *All Are Welcome*

#641 vv. 1, 3

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: **All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:

a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain.)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. (Please be seated.)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Give Thanks* by Anne Krentz Organ

Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* (sing 2x)

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Repeat)

THE FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:11-18

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

(Please stand.)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Now Thank We All Our God*

#840 v. 1

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

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

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE SONG OF THE DAY: *Let All Things Now Living*

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**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit o-be-dient-ly shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, ho-san-na and praise!"**

THE MESSAGE: "*Reflections on Gratitude*"

Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *We Gather Together* by Brad Nix Fred Johnson, Piano

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: *The Song of Blessing* (by Sara Groves)

**May God give you eyes to see All that is good, all that is good
The courage for anything May you be strong, may you be strong
May God give you ears to hear His loving voice, his loving voice
Speaking all around you All around and deep... inside**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing* by Lloyd Larson Fred Johnson, Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to the Sanctuary Choir and all the musicians tonight for singing/playing. We also thank Emma Mattson, our reader tonight and Daneen & Dennis Pysz for ushering us during this evening of artistic thanks!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP - Welcome to special music, uplifting message, and pie served. Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response and World Hunger. Non-perishable food items collected for F.A.M. We pause to say thank You to the *"giver of all good gifts."* (James 1:17)

HANDBELL CHOIR - Thursdays 6:30pm-7:30pm. There is room for a few more ringers. Note reading skills are helpful for jumping into this ensemble. Contact Kathy Person: music@mygloriadei.org.

SANCTUARY CHOIR (teens and adults) rehearses every Thursday, 7:30pm. If interested in joining, speak with Music Director Kathy Person - music@mygloriadei.org. All are welcome!

BIBLE YEAR STUDY Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a study on the readings and answers questions. (11/19 - 11/25: 2 Samuel through 1 Kings 1:1 - 4:34). Never too late to join. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Every Wednesday, 10am. All women are invited to Knudson Hall for a Bible study led by a pastor. Join us when you can!

OFFERING - Please place check/money in donation boxes in the sanctuary or at the Welcome Table, or give ELECTRONICALLY - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or ZELLE - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. Alternatively you can donate via credit card or debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei!

"FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL" (Greece Trip) - As an alternative to the Holy Land, Pastor David will be leading a group to Greece (land/sea), April 9-20, 2024. Flier available at the Welcome Table.

MEN'S BOOK GROUP - Meets the *last Tuesday of the month, 7pm* at members' homes. *They will be meeting on November 28.* For information contact the church office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY join the *first Saturday/month, 9am, Knudson Hall.* Next meeting - Dec. 2. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or for more information, call Peggy Johnson or the office.

ADVENT SEASON - The four week preparation for Christmas begins Sunday, December 3. Lighting of the Advent candles, singing carols, and more. Theme: *"4 Prophets 4 Christmas."*

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING - Friday, December 8, 2pm meet in the Sanctuary to help decorate for the Christmas season! Everyone's invited! Mark your calendars and come join in the fun!

ART MINISTRY GATHERING - Friday, December 8, 6:30pm. In our Art 101 series we are looking at light and space art. We will also be working on our Christmas artwork.

PRESCHOOL SING ALONG - Thursday, December 14, 3-5pm. Christmas sing along for preschoolers, sign up through the church office.

WOMEN'S COOKIE EXCHANGE - Sunday, Dec. 10, 3pm, Bankson Hall. Bring 3 doz. cookies (homemade or store). Containers given to take some home. Extra cookies delivered later that evening during caroling. You're also welcome to bring a Nativity set to share for the day. See the Welcome Table.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Sunday, December 10, 5pm - meet at the church & caravan to sing at shut-ins homes. Maps and song sheets provided that evening.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month at 2pm.* The group meets in Knudson Hall. The next meeting is December 18 & they will bring books to exchange. If interested in the book club, contact Diane Kelly or contact the office at 949-493-3414.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - Sunday, December 24, 8:30am, 4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm. Carols, candlelight, special music, & uplifting message. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:30am and 10pm. Invite a friend to worship with you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Alzheimer Service & Luncheon (Dec. 6, 10:30am); Adult Inquiry Class-Membership (Jan.20, 9am); New Member Sunday (Jan. 28); Annual Meeting & Aloha Luncheon

(Feb.4); Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Piano Concert; Ash Wednesday Worship and soup suppers begin (Feb.14).

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