

Thanks & Giving Sunday / Reign of Christ Sunday

November 20, 2022

10 am

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Pre-Service Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

A Thanksgiving Offering

Andy Potts

Arr. Phil Lehenbauer

Welcome

Call to Worship ~ *Adapted from a Call to Worship by Carol Penner, and posted on Leading in Worship.*

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,

Thank you, God!

The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,

Thank you, God!

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,

Thank you, God!

Our lives are filled with love of family and friends, and we say,

Thank you, God!

This day is filled with new mercies, and we say,

Thank you, God!

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,

Thank you, God!

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O God,

as we enter this service of thanksgiving and praise.

Opening Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH# 92

(vv. 1-2, 4-6)

Folliot S. Pierpoint | Conrad Kocher | arr. W. H. Monk
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Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

Verse 2

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child

Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild **(Refrain)**

Verse 5

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love **(Refrain)**

Verse 6

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven **(Refrain)**

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Generous God, we praise You for the gift of life and for all the experiences it brings us. We give You thanks for joy, peace and answered prayers, and for Your faithful presence in the midst of our trials, sorrows and pain. We give thanks for the earth—for the beauty of the landscape and for the riches it provides. Above all, we give You thanks for the hope You have given us in Christ, and for Your faithful love that never ends. For all these gifts and more, we offer You lives of worship and praise. May we bring glory to You as we give to others as freely as You have given to us. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer Response

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Northside Chapel Praise Band

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul | Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul | I'll worship your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning | It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger | Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing | Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day, when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore | Forevermore

Chorus x2

Tag

I'll worship Your Holy name

A Message for Young Disciples

Linda Morrison

Proclamation and Response

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Gospel Reading

Luke 7:36-8:3

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

¹ Soon afterward he went on through one town and village after another, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ² as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to them out of their own resources.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Thanks and Giving

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People & Expressions of Gratitude

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

The Goodness of God

Northside Chapel Praise Band

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Doxology

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow | Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host | Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Closing Song

Now Thank We All Our God

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Verse 1

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 mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today

Verse 2

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next

Verse 3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore

Sending Forth

Benediction

Postlude

Variations for Thanksgiving

Andy Potts

Arr. Colin Curtis