

Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 22, 2018

Prelude..... Mary

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7

Let All Things Now Living LUYH #5

God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

We Praise You, O God LUYH #560

Call to Confession: Psalm 95:7-11

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we gather today rich in blessing, somehow believing that we merit the wealth and comforts we enjoy. Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare blankly in our direction.

LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

With bellies full of grain and meat,
we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world
and we feel we have done enough.
Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between "us" and
"them,"
for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY ON US.

With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth,
we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters
around this world.
Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to
you.
Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving,

that we may work to ensure freedom and justice for all.

LORD HAVE MERCY ON US.

Great is Thy Faithfulness..... LUYH #348

God's Will for Our Lives: Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Offering: *For the Beauty of the Earth*..... LUYH #19 (1,2,4,5)

All Sing: *Give Thanks* LUYH #358

Testimonies of Thanksgiving: *For Whom Are You Thankful?*

Call to Prayer & Profession of Faith

Why do Christians need to pray?

Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.

**And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit
Only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly,
asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.**

Thanksgiving Prayers of the People

*God, giver of all good,
you continually pour your benefits upon us.
Age after age the living wait upon you and find
that your faithfulness has no end,
that your care is unfailing.
We praise you that the mystery of life
is a mystery of infinite goodness.
We praise you
for the order and constancy of nature,
for the beauty and bounty of the earth,
for day and night, summer and winter,
seedtime and harvest,
for the varied gifts of loveliness that every season brings.*

We give you thanks
for all the comfort and joy of life,
for our homes, for our friends,
and for all the love, sympathy, and goodwill of all people.

Amen.

Thanksgiving Meditation: *I Thank My God*
 Philippians 1:1-11

We Praise You, O GodLUYH #543

God's Blessing

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow..LUYH #964(tune #843)

Postlude



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