



Thankfulness

WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 15, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Christina Thompson

Welcome

Welcome to worship this morning. I am Rev. Christina Thompson and I am pastor here at Whitney UMC. I am so glad you are joining us as we celebrate Thanksgiving and give God thanks for all that God is and for all that God has done for us.

Lighting the Candle

I invite you to light your candle as a reminder of Christ's presence with us.

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that 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 him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations

Opening Song

Six Ways to Sunday (Band)

I Will Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

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Michael Omartian

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Chorus

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart

I will enter His courts with praise

I will say This is the day the Lord has made

I will rejoice for He has made me glad

Verse

He has made me glad He has made me glad

I will rejoice for He has made me glad

He has made me glad He has made me glad

He has made me glad

I will rejoice for He has made me glad

Chorus

Verse (x2)

Opening Prayer

Leader: O God we give you thanks for you are good.

People: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose love endures forever.

Leader: We thank you for our church family and for being able to worship you.

People: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose love endures forever.

Leader: Forgive us when we do not love you with our whole heart.

People: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose love endures forever.

Leader: O God we give you thanks for your love and forgiveness.

People: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose love endures forever.

Leader: Assure us of your presence today as we worship you with a grateful heart!

People: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose love endures forever.

Leader: O God we give you thanks for your love and forgiveness.

People: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose love endures forever.

Written by Rev. Christina Thompson based on Psalm 136

Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17

Message

Our call to give thanks and to be thankful

Rev. Christina

Song

Six Ways To Sunday (Band)

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

CCLI Song # 20285

Henry Smith

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Verse (x2)

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

Chorus

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

Verse

Chorus

Give thanks, Give thanks.

Scripture

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Message

Why we give thanks

Rev. Christina

Children's Moment

Mathilda & Mortimer

“Thank God in Everything”

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9

Message

What thankfulness looks like

Rev. Christina

Song

Andy and Svetlana Maddox

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #89 v. 1, 3, 4

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Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee

God of glory Lord of love

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee

Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness

Drive the dark of doubt away

Giver of immortal gladness

Fill us with the light of day

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Verse 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Love divine is reigning o'er us
Binding all within its span
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life

Pastoral Prayer for Thanksgiving Sunday

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
so we lift our hearts up to you, God,
in praise and thanksgiving.

As we count our blessings, and acknowledge your goodness,
our hearts go out to those who do not have,
and who are in need.

We thank you for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators
and ask that you supply the needs of those who are hungry.

We thank you for jobs that provide for our families
and supply the needs of our society,
and pray that you would care for those who have no work,
or the dignity and purpose it brings.

We thank you for opportunities and choices,
for meaning and challenges,
and pray that you would give all a sense of purpose.

We lift to you now the prayers that we pray only in the quiet of our hearts. In your holy name we pray. Amen

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The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dewey Knowles

Offertory Prayer

In this month of November as we give thanks and live out lives of gratitude, may we give God thanks to God for the financial gifts that God has given to us.

You can give of your offering by mailing your check to the church, or donating on the church's webpage www.whitneyumc.org.

For the next three weeks, we are going to use this offertory prayer.

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are. May we praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living commitment to you. So in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer to you ourselves and our financial offerings that they will be used to further the work of your church. Help us to give out of a bountiful spirit so we might experience your blessing in Abundance. Thank you, O God for granting us the opportunity to share abundantly in every good work. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Now may we all thank our God with our heart, hands and voices as we sing Now Thank We All Our God.

Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God #102

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Verse 1

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done
In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mother's 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 His 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 and Blessing (based on Philippians 4: 4-9)

Go into the world showing a gentle attitude toward everyone.
Be joyful and thankful!
Fill your mind with those things that are good and deserve praise:
things true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable.
Put into practice what you have heard here.
And may the God who gives peace be with each of you.
May we go in the peace of Christ
to love and serve all creation.

Passing the Peace

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you

And also with you

Invitation to Next Week

I invite you to join us next week as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday.

After worship, you are invited to join us for fellowship time. The link to join us is in the email you received with the links to this service. There are also instructions on this screen. We will gather about 10:45

You are also invited to join us on our Facebook Group Whitney United Methodist church group to chat about the service. You can join the conversation anytime.

Also remember that there are many ways to connect with us even as we are physically distancing.

Also remember that on our radio program Reach Out and Trust which is broadcast on KBXL 94.1 FM on Sunday morning at 7:30 am and 11:30 am.

May God be with us until we meet again