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Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Near the River

Anna Laura Page

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. ² Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³ 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. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Song

Come ye thankful people come

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1. Come, ye thankful people, come!
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come.
Raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto God's praise we yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home,
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.
4. Then, O church triumphant, come.
Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified
in God's presence to abide.
Come, ten thousand angels, come!
Raise the song of harvest home.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children (after children may leave for Children's Church)

Godspeed for the Bryants

Prayer for the Bryants

Song *God be with you till we meet again* (verse 1) #840 VT

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, up hold you,
May the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thanksgiving

Litany of Seedtime and Harvest

One: Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of all, Giver of every good and perfect gift; For the joy of seedtime and the riches of harvest;

All: **We give thee thanks, O God.**

One: For life-filled seed and sacred earth, for blessed sun and blessing rain;

All: **We give thee thanks, O God.**

One: For the bounty of field and garden, forest and mine;

All: **We give thee thanks, O God.**

One: For divine love that blesses our lives and speaks to our souls, reconciling us to thee and to our fellow people;

All: **We give thee thanks, O God.**

One: Help us that our farms and homes, our shops and factories, our bodies, minds, and strength may be used as a sacred trust from thee;

All: **We beseech thee, O God.**

One: That we may be good stewards of all these thy blessings, and that we may so share our bounty with those in need across the world as to cause all lands to break forth into songs of thanksgiving;

All: **We beseech thee, O God.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today, our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. AMEN

Offertory

Give Thanks

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"Give thanks with a grateful heart" by Henry Smith

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Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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."

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Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

The Judgment of the Nations

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them,

‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Special Music *To God We Render Thanks and Praise*

J.S. Bach

Sermon “How Do We Respond to Human Need?”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

* **Closing Song** *Now thank we all our God*

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1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices,
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us safe in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world in the next.

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 heav'n adore;
 for thus it was, is now,
 and shall be evermore.

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

John Hatton

* Please stand as able and led



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