



CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP: Space for Giving Thanks

8:45 a.m. ~~ November 19, 2017

*To give thanks in solitude is enough. Thanksgiving has wings and goes where it must go.
Your prayer knows much more about it than you do. (Victor Hugo)*

Request for Presence

O God, open my lips . . .

and my mouth shall declare your praise. Glory is yours, God, in your Oneness; and glory is yours in your Threeness. Just as it was when you began all things, so it is now, and so it shall be into the boundless future. Alleluia! Amen!

Joining Creation's Praise

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,

O praise ye! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One! . . .

Praying a Psalm

Psalm 138:1 - 3 (The Message)

Thank you!

Everything in me says "Thank you!"

Angels listen as I sing my thanks. I kneel in worship facing your holy temple and say it again:

"Thank you!"

Thank you for your love,

thank you for your faithfulness;

Most holy is your name,

most holy is your Word.

The moment I called out, you stepped in;

you made my life large with strength.

Pausing to Reflect on the Psalm

Blessed Be God

"Bless the Lord, my soul"

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Words of Life

Ps. 100; 1 Thess. 5:16 - 18; 1:2 - 5

Singing Our Grateful Praise

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

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

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,

for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight . . .

We Offer Thanks for . . . Places in the Created World

A Response of Praise

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild . . .*

We Offer Thanks for . . . Who and What Has Saved Our Lives

A Response of Praise

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

*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.*

We Offer Thanks for . . . Difficult Life-Situations We Have Walked Through

We Offer Thanks for . . . Where We Are Today

A Response of Thanks

"In the Lord I'll be ever thankful"

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

The Great Thanksgiving (with "Alleluia 7" response)

Sung Response: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- ❖ for the kindness I have received . . . **(R)**
- ❖ for the generosity that has been extended to me . . . **(R)**
- ❖ for the mercy that has been shown me . . . **(R)**
- ❖ for the ways I have received the faithfulness of others . . . **(R)**
- ❖ for the solid ground I have experienced . . . **(R)**

Reflecting on What We Have Offered the World

- our presence, attention, and time . . .
- our physical labor and service . . .
- our gifts and expertise . . .
- our money and possessions, both from our abundance and our poverty . . .

Benediction for Thanksgiving (Peter Traben Haas)

*O Lord God with and through us: As I enter into days of feasting, help me create space for your presence.
As I partake in days of travel, help me take time for rest. As I reunite with family, help me see in myself the
thing I secretly or blatantly resist and by which I judge them. Help me become love in the ordinary
gathering of people, friends, neighbors, and family. Amen.*

*Please register your attendance on the sign-in sheets in the foyer. Place offerings and prayer requests in the basket at the rear of the Chapel.

