

**Monday October 12, 2020**

*Song: Let All Things Now Living*

Invitation to Worship:

In this moment in history, at this time, with this breath we enter a time of worship  
with awestruck wonder at the world God has made

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

**Thank you!**

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

**Thank you!**

The Fields are have turned golden and grain bins are being filled, and we say,

**Thank you!**

Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,

**Thank you!**

Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,

**Thank you!**

We live as the community of God in our spaces of worship we say,

**Thank you!**

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O God, as enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.

~ written by Carol Penner, and posted on Leading in Worship.

<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/> Psalm 104:33,34,35b

Welcome and Greeting

Thanksgiving Liturgy:

To the Giver of all good and perfect gifts,

**The Lord be praised.**

For the gifts of food, provided daily in many forms an in many places,

**The Lord be praised.**

For the hands of friendship that have been extended to us in new ways  
and the grace we have received,

**The Lord be praised.**

For Your continual provision in our lives,

**The Lord be praised.**

For the embrace of love,

**The Lord be praised.**

For Your mercies that are new at dawn and sustain us through the day,  
echoing through the night,

**The Lord be praised.**

For the gift of Your Son and His blood poured out.

**The Lord be praised.**

For your presence in the green pastures and the dark valleys,

**The Lord be praised.**

For the new life that beats within us now.

**The Lord be praised.**

In all things, we give You thanks and join with creation's song,  
Great is the Lord and most worthy to be praised!

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<http://www.littleredhearts.ca/2011/10/thanksgiving-litany-reflections-on.html>

**Song: *Great is Thy Faithfulness***

Thanksgiving Prayer:

Glory be to God for autumn things!

For the green world changing colour;  
golden, crimson, amber, rust.

For baskets of glorious apples:  
delicious, ambrosia, russet, spy.

For the grain tumbling out of the combine,  
the pumpkins filling the field,  
for round bales of hay weighing down wagons.

And then the crisp fall breezes bringing clouds  
heavy with rain, hinting of snows to come.

We come with thanksgiving for the rich blessing of the harvest,  
and the work of the farmers who produced it.

God, this is a year where we take nothing for granted;  
thank you for food on the table, secure supply lines  
and stable governments, for universal health-care  
and a medical system that mostly works.

In this pandemic year, life has been hard for everyone,  
but for some it's harder than others.

We lift prayers for people who are grieving;  
grieving the loss of loved ones, or the loss of jobs or businesses,  
the loss of freedom to be with family or to travel.

We pray for health and an end to this pandemic.

God, we pray for a vaccine! We need it soon,  
we need it for everyone, and we need it to work.

In the meantime, help us look carefully at who we are.

We want to hold onto your values of love and justice;  
watching to see where our own actions are racist,  
where our own structures perpetuate inequality and injustice.

We thank you for the freedom we have to choose our government.  
Guide our leaders who are making big decisions about the pandemic,  
big decisions about our changing climate, and about our use of fossil fuels,  
decisions that will have implications for generations.  
As a community of faith, we put our trust in you.  
You oversaw the ice ages, and the great move of continental plates.  
Creatures came and went with time, known only by you.  
Who are we, for you to notice us?  
And yet, you hear our prayer. Your love is all around us.  
Creation pours forth beauty every day.  
You sent a saviour with a special delivery salvation message,  
and a spirit who breathes hope into us even in times like these.  
In the power of the Spirit, and in the name of Jesus,  
our community praises you, now and always. Amen  
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Open Mic Time

### We Give Thanks for God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

Message: Thanks for our Rescue

Thanksgiving Prayer for the Offering (collected at the back)

Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving:

*The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Blessed Assurance*

Closing Blessing and Benediction:

Do not worry about anything in life--

What you'll eat, or what you'll wear.

Look at the birds of the air, or the flowers in the field.

If God takes such good care of the birds and flowers,

How much more will He care for you? So don't be afraid.

Instead, let your lives be marked by compassion and generosity,

sharing what you have been given with those in need,

Storing up your treasure in heaven instead of here on earth.

And may the blessing of God--Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer--

Encourage and strengthen you in every good word and deed.

Amen

*Song: Closing Response (Quartet Sings)*