

October 10, 2021

Thanksgiving Sunday



Piano Prelude Thanks – *E. Grieg*
 Now Thank We All Our God – *arr. J. Sanborn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*For the bounty of the harvest,
for the colours of the fall,
 thanks be to God.*

*For the beauty of the night sky,
for the wonder of children growing,
 thanks be to God.*

*For the glories of the earth all around us,
 we give thanks to God, our Creator.*

*In a spirit of humility and thankfulness,
come let us worship the God known to us in Jesus.*

Hymn – **304** (v.1 Eng, 3 fr, 3 Eng) – We Praise You, Creator

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Response to Prayer **449**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love; send us power; send us grace!**

Pardon

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

John 6: 25-35

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn **802** – *For the Fruits of All Creation*

Sermon – Bread of Life

Hymn **804** – *For All Your Goodness, God* (Sung 3 times)

Litany of Thanksgiving

O give thanks to the Lord for God is good,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

God quenches the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

For things great and small, beautiful and surprising;

for things seen and unseen, understood and mysterious.

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

For human life and the talents you have given us:

for jobs that are stable and meaningful;

for talking and thinking together;

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

For our circle of family and friends, and our church community:

for relationships that give life meaning

for the insight that comes with the passage of time;

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

For your care and grace in all situations and circumstances:

for comfort and direction

in times of anxiety, doubt and grief;

for rejuvenating strength and vision.

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayers of the People

Loving God,

hear our prayer.

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.

Hymn **807** (v.1, 3 Eng, 3 fr) – *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*

Benediction

Organ Postlude Now Thank We All Our God – *arr. J.C. Kellner*

Happy Thanksgiving



Joyeux Action de Grâces

*We are grateful for those who have shared their talents with us this morning:
Monique Caissie, soloist, and Wendy Davies, worship leader.*

Hymns

Hymn – **304** (v.1 Eng, 3 fr, 3 Eng) – We Praise You, Creator

**We praise you, Creator, in earth, sea, and sky,
our Ruler, our Maker, our Sovereign most high.
Each new generation lifts voices in praise:
how good your creation, how gracious your ways!**

**Mais, Ô Dieu suprême, plus que tous tes dons,
c'est ton amour même que nous adorons,
O source éternelle de grâce et de paix,
ton peuple fidèle te loue à jamais.**

**Your wondrous works teach us, Creator, to trace
the limitless reaches of your love and grace.
Your grace dwells among us, your love goes before;
from eldest to youngest, we praise and adore.**

Hymn **802** – *For the Fruits of All Creation*

**For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Hymn 804 – *For All Your Goodness, God* (Sung 3 times)

For all your goodness, God,
we give you thanks.
Thanks for the food we eat,
and for the friends we meet;
for each new day we greet,
we give you thanks.

Hymn 807 (v.1, 3 Eng, 3 fr) – *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, Lord,
we thank you, Lord for all your love.*

We thank you, our provider,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but that which you most welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, Lord,
we thank you, Lord for all your love.*

**Bénis, bénis, mon âme,
le Dieu de Jésus Christ,
et ses bienfaits proclame,
bienfaits d'un si grand prix.
Il sème en abondance,
le long de tes sentiers,
les dons qu'en sa clémence
il veut multiplier.**

***Bénis ton Dieu sans cesse,
ô peuple des chrétiens,
fais tiennes ses promesses,
jouis de tous ses biens.***

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 (NRSV)

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

John 6: 25-35 (NRSV)

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that

we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."