

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

- **Call to Worship – Psalm 100**
- **Song of Praise – We Praise You, O God (LUYH #560 vs. 1-3)<sup>1</sup>**

### Verse 1

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

### Verse 2

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'er-take us, you never forsake us.  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

### Verse 3

With voices united our praises we offer;  
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, for-e'er be praise!

- **Affirmation: God as Creator and Provider (LUYH #24)<sup>2</sup>**  
What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?  
**That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ this Son.**  
**I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is faithful Father.**

What do you understand by the providence of God?

**The almighty and ever-present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

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<sup>2</sup> Text from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 26 & 27

- **Song – Great Is Thy Faithfulness (LUYH #348 vs 1-3)<sup>3</sup>**

Verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses  
above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

- **Psalm of Thanksgiving – Psalm 111**

- **Offering of Thanks**

- **Thanksgiving Prayer**

- **Song of Thanksgiving – Every Heart Its Tribute Pays (LUYH #388 vs. 1, 3)<sup>4</sup>**

Verse 1

Every heart its tribute pays, every tongue its song of praise;  
sin and sorrow, guilt and care, brought to him who answers prayer;  
there by grace may humankind full and free forgiveness find;  
called and chosen, loved and blest, in his presence be at rest.

Verse 3

Year by year, the seasons 'round sees the land with blessing crowned,  
where caressed by sun and rain barren earth gives life again;  
sunlit valleys burn with gold, nature smiles on field and fold,  
gifts of God in plenty poured: all things living, praise the Lord!

- **Sermon**

Sermon Text: Philippians 4: 10-13

Sermon Title: "Thanks—Whatever the Circumstances"

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- **Song of Response – Now Thank We All Our God (LUYH #543 vs. 1-2)<sup>5</sup>**

Verse 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 mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love,  
and still is our 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,  
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – Now Thank We All Our God (LUYH #543 vs. 3)<sup>6</sup>**

Verse 3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven—  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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