

Service of Worship

November 24, 2024 • The Sundays of Pentecost

Prelude, Preparation, and Announcements

Words of Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

People: And also with you.

God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Call to Worship • Psalm 100

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Thanksgiving • Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (Trinity Hymnal, 715)

God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Prayer of Confession • 1 Thes 5:18; James 1:17; Phil 4:6; Psa 51:12; Col 2:7

Leader: Father, your Word commands us to give thanks in all circumstances, for this is your will for

us in Christ Jesus

People: Yet we confess that we often fail to thank you, especially when life is difficult or uncertain.

Leader: You are the Father of lights, and the giver of every good and perfect gift.

People: But we often take your blessings for granted, forgetting that every good thing in our

lives comes from you.

Leader: We confess that we are quick to focus on what we lack and slow to give thanks for

your abundant provision.

People: Forgive us for our ingratitude and help us to cultivate a spirit of thanksgiving in all

that we do.

Leader: Restore to us the joy of our salvation, that we may overflow with thankfulness to you.

All: Fill our hearts with gratitude, Lord, that we may praise you for your steadfast love

and proclaim your goodness to all the earth. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise • *For the Beauty of the Earth (Trinity Hymnal, 715)*

God Teaches Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading • Psalm 107

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;

hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons,

for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters;

they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants. He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their livestock diminish.

When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow, he pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes; but he raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks. The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Sermon

Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor

God's People Respond in Grateful Praise

Hymn of Commitment • *It is Well With My Soul (Trinity Hymnal, 691)*

Profession of Faith • Heidelberg Catechism

Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

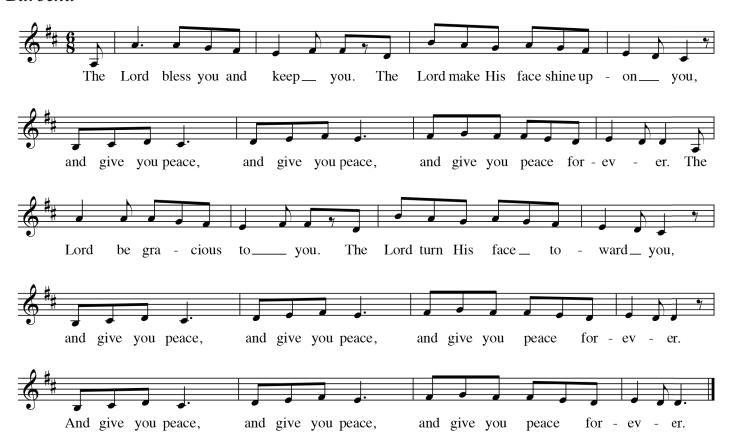
After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Hymn of Thanksgiving • Now Thank We All Our God (Trinity Hymnal, 98)

Benediction • Philippians 4:4-7

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." *Amen*

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Announcements *Please send prayer requests or announcements to jp@walkerschapel.org.*

- Lessons & Carols Service. Our Christmas service will be help on Friday evening, December 13, at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to enjoy an evening of music and worship with us.
- Choir Potluck. Our adult choir and children's choir and their families will be sharing a potluck meal downstairs after the service today.
- **Offerings.** If you have offerings to the Lord you'd like to give through Walker's Chapel, you may do so in the box on the wall as you leave the sanctuary on your left. *Thank you*.



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