



MEDITATION

**Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace, the celebration of work and the simple life...
a true folk-festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the season, the beauty of seedtime and
harvest, the ripe product of the year — and the deep, deep connection of all these things with God.**
— *Ray Stannard Baker*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

PRELUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CALL TO WORSHIP **PSALM 34:1-8**

KAY SIBOLD

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord, let the humble hear and be glad.

People: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. We sought the Lord, and he answered us, and delivered us from all our fears.

Leader: Look to God and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

People: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

People: Let us give thanks and celebrate God's goodness! Let us worship the Lord our God!

WELCOMING SONG* *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* (Ruth Duck, words; William H. Walter, music) CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 231

All Verses

PRAYER OF PRAISE

KAY SIBOLD

Gracious God, all we have comes from you. Each day you walk with us. Each day your Spirit guides us. Each day you provide for our every need. We give you thanks for your gracious care. Open our eyes to recognize the many gifts you shower in our lives. Open our hearts to receive and share all you give. Open our lives to bring your love to a hurting world. Amen.

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

UCSJ CHOIR

(Robert Robinson, words; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*; Arr. Sufjan Stevens; Setting by K. Kristoffersen)

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy unchanging love

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

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Scripture Reading 2 Luke 11:33-36

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

³³ "No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. ³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. ³⁵ See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. ³⁶ Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERMON

Growing Grace in Gratitude

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

CALL TO PRAYER *Open The Eyes of My Heart* (Paul Baloche)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO 656

BRINGING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS TO GOD

KAY SIBOLD AND REV. MELINDA VEATCH

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

CLOSING SONG* *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CONGREGATION

(Robert Robinson, words; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*)

HYMN NO. 68 All Verses

CLOSING PRAYER

KAY SIBOLD

Gracious and Loving God, we give you our deepest thanks for all the ways you care for us. We give you thanks for the ways you invite us to care for others. May we speak and act with your love in this hurting world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

SENDING SONG* *From "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

CONGREGATION

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother — all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

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*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable



¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

Psalm 103:1-6

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