



Faith

Community Church

November 25, 2021

Thanksgiving

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***OPENING PRAYER**

***OPENING SONG - "We Gather Together"**

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be;
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever...

To him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

Who spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the great lights—the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night;

His love endures forever...

To the One who remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies,

His love endures forever.

And who gives food to every creature.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven.

His love endures forever.

***SONG- "Forever"**

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King	With a mighty hand and outstretched arm	From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever	His love endures forever	His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things	For the life that's been reborn	By the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever	His love endures forever	His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise	Sing praise, sing praise	Sing praise, sing praise
	Sing praise, sing praise	Sing praise, sing praise
	Forever God is faithful	Forever God is faithful
	Forever God is strong	Forever God is strong
	Forever God is with us	Forever God is with us, forever.
	Forever, forever	Forever God is faithful
		Forever God is strong
		Forever God is with us
		Forever, forever

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord, our gracious God, we come before you, some in joy, some in sadness, but trusting your continued providence. We give you thanks for the countless blessings you have bestowed. For the wonderful world: for things great and small, beautiful and awesome, for seen and unseen splendors,

Thank you, God.

For a bountiful harvest: for seeds that were planted, sun that shined, rains that came, and winds that dried, for machinery and safety for farmers throughout this season,

Thank you, God.

For human life: for talking and moving and thinking together, for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying,

Thank you, God.

For work to do and strength to work: for the comradeship of labor, for exchanges of good humor and encouragement.

Thank you, God.

For marriage: for the mystery and joy of flesh made one, for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared, for secrets kept in love,

Thank you, God.

For family: for living together and eating together, for gatherings near and far, in person and through technology,

Thank you, God.

For children: for their energy and curiosity, for their brave play and startling frankness, for their sudden sympathies,

Thank you, God.

For young people: for their learning and growth, for their taking responsibility, learning values, and owning their faith,

Thank you, God.

For adults and those growing old: for wisdom deepened by experience, for rest in leisure, for time made precious by its passing,

Thank you, God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow: for healing our diseases, for hearing our cries for health and recovery, for preserving us in temptation and danger,

Thank you, God.

For our country: for the freedoms we have, for the safety we have, for those that have sacrificed much and for opportunities,

Thank you, God.

For the church into which we have been called: for the good news we receive by word and sacrament, for our life together in the Lord,

We praise you, God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship,

We praise you, God.

For your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation: for our hope in him, for the joy of serving him,

We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us. Your love endures forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SONG OF PREPARATION- "10,000 Reasons"

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Forevermore
Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

SCRIPTURE- 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-22

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil.

SERMON – “Grow Your Gratitude”

SONG OF RESPONSE- “Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

OFFERING- New Hope Community Ministries

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen. Amen.