

Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 22, 2023

6:30pm

Prelude “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Cheryl Walker

Welcome Pastor Bill Duke

The First Words “Words of Thanksgiving”

Prayer Pastor Bill Duke

Responsive Reading

Hymns of Thanksgiving

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

“We Gather Together”

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Pastor Duke

Special Music “My Tribute” Risa Poniros

Thanksgiving Message “Living Gratefully”

Meditation Music “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Cheryl Walker

Closing Prayer and Benediction Pastor Bill Duke

Responsive Reading

Leader: God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.

People: You care for the land and water it; You enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so You have ordained it.

Leader: You crown the year with Your bounty, and Your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

People: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for You and sing.

Leader: He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth. How many are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

People: Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

All: But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to You. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation come from the Lord.

Gen. 1:31; Ps. 65:9, 11-13; 104:14, 24; 107:8-9; Jonah 2:9. (NIV)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;

All is safely gathered in, 'ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide, for our wants to be supplied;

Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, To thy final harvest home;

Gather thou thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,

There, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;

Come, with all thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child;

Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best gift divine, To the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine, Peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

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:
The Lord was at our side- all glory be Thine!

(choir: verse 3)