

Thanksgiving Day November 22, 2018

Gathering

Prelude

Reading of the 2018 Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation

Thanksgiving Prayer

*God's Greeting

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Thanksgiving Hymn: "Come, You Thankful People, Come"

Thanking God For His Abundant Grace

Thanksgiving Litany and Prayer:

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.

Let us remember his mercy, for he is gracious and compassionate.

**We thank you for calling us to faith in Christ, for putting your Spirit within us,
for giving us the mind of Christ, for gathering us into your church.**

We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace to us, for calling us to a life of gratitude,
for calling us to service in your kingdom.

Thanks be to God!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he satisfies the thirsty, he fills the hungry with good things, and he heals the afflicted. Let us celebrate his abundant goodness.

**We thank you, gracious Father, that you provide for our needs,
for the food on our tables, for the clothes on our bodies,
for the beds we sleep in, and for the dwellings that shelter us.**

We praise you for all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs,
for the things that make our work easier, for the conveniences of our lives,
for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives.

Lord of the Harvest, come and gather our praises of thanksgiving.

Your gifts of goodness are presented to us every day.

**Lead us by your Holy Spirit to live lives centered on your will and surrendered to
your purpose; through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for sinners. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Thanksgiving Testimonies

Thanksgiving Offerings

Offertory

Receiving God's Word

Song of Preparation: "We Praise You, O God"

Scripture Lesson: Acts 14:8-18 page 526

Message: "Can You Give Me Directions?"

Prayer

Departing as Witnesses

*Song of Response: "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Blessing from God

*Parting Hymn: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Postlude

*Stand if able

*Piano/Organ: Louise Slager
Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod*