

A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving

Third Reformed Church

November 24, 2022

10:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE We Gather Together Flor Peeters
 Praludium - Quartet - Finale at Five Parts

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 100 (*responsively*)
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 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.

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 473 Come, You Thankful People, Come
 Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(*The congregation may exchange the Peace.*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)
Abundant God,
You have given us everything. Every blessing, every gift, every moment.
You are the author of them all. You are generous beyond compare. Yet we
often mistake your gifts for our own work. We puff ourselves up, champion
our own successes, and ignore the needs of others. Forgive us God.
Help us see you as the source of all good.
Help us listen to the sound of your voice.
Help us know the depth of your grace to us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OR ILLUMINATION 357 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
(sung twice, prayer, sung once)
Tune: IN THE LORD, I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 107:1-9 p. 559

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Act 27:33-38; 28:11-15 p. 149
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION "Say So"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 27 (*responsively*)
What do you understand by the providence of God?
The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as
with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them
that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and
drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty--all things, in fact,
come to us, not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING OF THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING OFFERING We Gather Together Tune: KREMSER
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.

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

*DOXOLOGY 965 Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 543 Now Thank We All Our God
Tune: NUN DANKET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress is Our God Johann Pachelbel



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: Rev Dr. Steven Stam, preaching; Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, liturgist; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.



Our Thanksgiving offering is designated for Community Action House.

