

GRATITUDE FOR LIFE

*Bloom where
you are
planted*

JEREMIAH 29:4-14

Twenty-Six Sunday after Pentecost Gratitude Sunday

November 21, 2021, 11am

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PRELUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Slides

1. Gratitude and Commitment Sunday
2. Pastor Marie out
3. Office Closed Thursday and Friday
4. Pictures for the directory

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Whitney

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God’s love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving and praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Great Is Our God” by Chris Tomlin

Live

The splendor of a king Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide. And trembles at His voice.

Trembles at His voice. How great is our God. Sing with me. How great is our God.

And all will see. How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands. And time is in His hands. Beginning and the end. Beginning and the end. The Godhead Three in One. Father, Spirit and Son. The Lion and the Lamb.

The Lion and the Lamb. How great is our God. Sing with me. How great is our God. And all will see. How great, how great is our God.

Name above all names. Worthy of all praise. My heart will sing. How great is our God.

Name above all names. You are worthy of all praise. And my heart will sing. How great is our God.

[2x] How great is our God. Sing with me How great is our God

And all will see How great, how great is our God.

LITANY OF CONFESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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Let us go to God together in confession, saying responsively, O God, **deliver us**. From a lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a calculating or sentimental mind; from going along with mean and ugly things; O God, **deliver us**.

From cowardice that dares not face truth; from laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance to think we know it all; from cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference; from selfishness, self-indulgence or self-pity; O God, **deliver us**.

From being satisfied with things the way they are, in the church and in the world; From thanklessness and ingratitude; for a lustful desire to accumulate more things; from all in us that may hide your light; O God, **deliver us**.

Lord, make us more holy. Help us to recognize all that is good, and right, and worthy of praise. Help us to be thankful, saying, all praise to you, **Thank you God**.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome, seen and unseen splendors of the natural world; for human life; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying; all praise to you, **Thank you God**.

For families of all shapes and sizes; for mutual burdens and forgiveness shared; for simple pleasures and precious knowledge; all praise to you, **Thank you God**.

For the young; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their high hopes; for their irreverence towards worn out values; for their search for freedom; and for growing up and growing old, for wisdom deepened by experience, for time made precious by passing; all praise to you, **Thank you God**.

For the church into which we have been called; for the good news received; for our life together in the Lord; all praise to you, **Thank you God**.

For your Holy Spirit, which guides our steps and brings gifts of faith and love; and especially for your son Jesus the Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; all praise to you, **Thank you God**.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS. "O Come to the Altar"

(vs. 2 & chorus)

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.
From the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar. The Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: God's love is everlasting, God's goodness will always win, God's Son has trampled down death with his death. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Whitney offers gratitude and thanks

READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 11-14

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

TESTIMONIES

Kaye Lowe, Russ Mathis, Sahr Lebbie and Jesse Macom-Teague

ANTHEM

“Because Of Your Love”

Virtual Choir Video

*THE CREED

Let us rise in body or spirit and share what we believe, today using the Heidelberg Catechism, and question #43. This catechism and its 129 questions and answers in the faith have instructed the church since 1562, when it was written to reunite Reformed and Lutheran believers and end controversy among Protestants in Europe. The 43rd question to believers is:

Q. What benefit do we receive from Christ’s sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. By Christ’s power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.

PASTORAL ACT OF THE CHURCH

Sending Blessing for Andrea Galindo

**May the Lord Bless you
in the challenges to come
and send help from the sanctuary.
may God bless all
your work and offerings, may God grant your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans;
may we sing for joy over your success!
Lord, please answer our prayer - Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

As we offer ourselves in gratitude to God, so we also offer our prayers for ourselves and for the world in pain and suffering. We do so responsively saying, thank you God, **hear our prayer.**

For your help in times of trouble, when your children doubt and despair; for your promises to be with us, and your knowledge of our suffering; thank you God, **hear our prayer.**

For your concern for the poor and oppressed; for your healing of disease and easing of pain; for preserving us in temptation and danger; thank you God, **hear our prayer.**

For your desire that all people would be reconciled; for your earth which you made and sustain; for the heart of your worship which is justice and righteousness; thank you God, **hear our prayer.**

For your instruction to pray as Christ taught us, saying

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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.

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

All that we have is a gift from God, thus it is out of thankfulness that we offer ourselves back to God, in gratitude for God’s faithfulness to us. May our offerings be a reminder of God's amazing generosity, and may they be for others a blessing of abundant life. Today you may give in the plate as you exit the sanctuary, or online through our webpage; and you may also choose to continue a gift from last year, or decide a new tithe or recurring offering to support the ministries of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

*Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Video

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

*PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

Let us pray. Holy God, we thank you for your generosity, and for your persistence in calling us. As we commit ourselves to your way, we also commit our gifts to become your blessings to others, to be used for the creation of your community of justice, peace, and love. May what we offer be a true reflection of our gratitude, and in the giving may we be made ever more in your image. We dedicate these gifts, and ourselves, in the name of Jesus the Christ, who embodied your Way, Truth, and Life. Amen.

Friends, before we sing our final hymn, let us pass the peace to those around us, saying “Peace be with you,” “And also with you.” And if you are so inclined, please text the peace to someone who is unable to be here with us in person.

Now thank we all our God. with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

*BLESSING

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Go out into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Amen.

*POSTLUDE