

Thanksgiving Day

November 28, 2019

10:00 AM

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. An asterisk denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

*Please prepare your heart and mind for worship
with a time of prayer and meditation.*

The Prelude:

“Festive Prelude on *Old Hundredth*” (All People That on
Earth Do Dwell) Bruce A. Stevenson
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” S. Drummond Wolff
“Come, You Thankful People, Come” Robert J. Powell

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“For the Fruit of All Creation”
For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

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*The Opening Hymn Concertato: *(Please rise at the director’s cue.)*

“The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune” Ralph Vaughan Williams

- 1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him, and rejoice.**
- 2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our aid he did us make; we are his flock, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.**
- 3. Choir: O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.*
- 4. Choir: For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.*
- 5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav’n and earth adore, from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

Thanking God for Food and Prosperity

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth!

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Leader: Great providing God, you are the source of every good thing.

People: **Our Lord, hear our thanks for the blessings of your earth.**

Leader: Thank you for colorful vegetables and ripe fruit. Thank you for turkey and ham on our holiday table. Thank you for spices and herbs and savory flavors. Thank you for fresh bread, apple pie and ice cream.

People: **Thank you for good things to drink: for clean water and fresh milk, for strong cups of coffee, and warm cups of cocoa, for apple juice and lemonade, and for a thousand ways to quench our thirst.**

Leader: Thank you for festive tables set in warm, safe homes.

Thank you that even the poorest among us have enough money to keep our refrigerators full. Thank you for hardworking farmers who grow or prepare our food and bring it to market. Thank you for the craft of cooking, for the people who work in the kitchen to make meals that not only fill our stomachs, but bring us together in joy.

People: **A table you have spread for us in the presence of our troubles. You have anointed our head with oil. Our cup overflows.**

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 398:1,2
“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Thanking God for a Good Creation

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth!

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Leader: Lord God, you are this world’s craftsman; you are the maker of heaven and earth.

People: **Hear our prayers for the beauty of your creation.**

Leader: Creator God, thank you for your wonderful world.

Thank you for wide skies and spreading trees. Thank you for sunlight on sparkling water and moonlight shining on snow,

People: **for grassy fields and rocky mountains, for creatures with paws and fins and wings, for a world full of beauty and delight.**

Leader: Thank you for the gift of art: for painting and sculpture, for decoration and design, for music sung by choirs and played by orchestras, for guitars and drums, thank you for literature and poetry and the joy of a good book, or theater and dance, and the chance to join you in the creation of beautiful things.

People: **Thank you for the wonder of science and the ordered beauty of math. Thank you for creative energy of business, and the patient discipline of law and government.**

Leader: We thank you for daily work, for gifts and abilities to share, for the opportunity to take care of your world. Thank you for learning and discovery, for a million mysteries and patterns in creation just waiting to be found.

People: **Thank you for a world full of delight and fun, for boat rides and basketball games, for paths to explore and hills to climb, for the gift of rest and leisure, Lord, we give you thanks.**

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 553:1,2
“How Great Thou Art”

Thanking God for People

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Leader: Lord God, it is you who made us, not we ourselves. You made us in your image and sent us out to fill the earth.

People: **Let us thank God for all the people of this world.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, in the beginning you said that it was not good for us to be alone, and ever since that day, you have given us other people to share our life. So, thank you for the gift of family.

People: **For the people who are with us from the day we are born till the day we die, for parents and siblings, grandparents, and children. Even though our families have quirks and broken places, we thank you for these strange and wonderful people.**

Leader: Thank you for the gift of friends: for people who enjoy our company and want to spend time with us;

People: **for people who make us laugh, for people who listen to our stories, and who tell us theirs, for people who share our good times and help us survive our bad times.**

Leader: Thank you for the people of your church. Thank you for the delightfully diverse body of Christ. We know we are a broken people, but your Spirit holds us together, and your grace is stronger than our sins.

People: **Thank you for people who pray for us and spur us on in faith, for fellow workers in the task of showing your love and sharing the good news, for this community committed to grace and truth, Lord, we give you thanks.**

The Anthem: “O Be Joyful in the Lord” John Rutter
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands, serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O, go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. O, be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Psalm 100

The Scripture Reading: Proverbs 15:17

The Meditation: **“LOVE AND VEGETABLES”**

*The Hymn: [Lift Up Your Hearts 543](#)
“Now Thank We All Our God”

Thanking God for Salvation

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth!

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Leader: Father God, you so loved this world that you gave us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life.

People: **We praise you for the great gift of salvation.**

Leader: We thank you for the gift of yourself. You are in charge of a billion galaxies, yet you don’t forget about us:

People: **you have made us in your image, you watch over our daily lives, you call us your dearly loved children.**

Leader: Thank you for the gift of your Son: thank you that God is with us. Thank you that he is Jesus, the Savior, come to rescue us from our trouble.

People: **Thank you that he is Christ, the Messiah, he is the One promised from the beginning and he was born to set his people free. Thank you that he is our Lord: all things in this earth are under his rule, no other power in heaven and earth can ever defeat him, and nothing can tear us out of his hand.**

Leader: Thank you for sending your Spirit as a guide for our life, for the Spirit’s encouragement when we are down, and his prompting when we wander,

People: **for his leading us in truth and rooting us in faith, for second chances and repeated forgiveness, Lord, we give you thanks.** *Continued on insert*