

Thanksgiving Day

November 28, 2024

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:

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Pachelbel, arr. Gary Olson

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

Robert J. Powell

“Songs of Thanksgiving”

Douglas Wagner

(Let All Things Now Living / Sing to the Lord of Harvest / We Gather Together)

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

arr. Rob Hobgood

Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, does provide for our needs to be supplied; come, with all his people come, raise the song of harvest home.

*The Opening Hymn:

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

see insert

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: Amen.

The Welcome

The Responsive Call to Thanksgiving

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 396

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

The Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 8:10-18

The Meditation: “REMEMBERING WITH THANKS”

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 543

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Words of Thanks

Thanks When it Could Be Otherwise

Sung Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 873:1

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

Thanks In Life’s Obstacles

Sung Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 873:2

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

Thanks in the Ordinary

The Anthem:

“Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah”

Paul S. Jones

Give thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah, for he is good, O praise his name! Let Israel say, “The Lord be praised; his mercy ever is the same.” Let Aaron’s house now praise Jehovah; the Lord is good, O praise his name. Let all that fear the Lord extol him; his mercy ever is the same.

In a large place the Lord hath set me; in my distress he heard my cry. I will not fear; the Lord is with me—what can man do when God is nigh? The Lord is chief among my helpers; and I shall see my foes o’erthrown; far better than in man or princes, my trust I place in God alone.

I shall not die, but live, declaring the works of God, who tried me sore, and chastened me, but in his mercy not unto death has given me o’er. The gates of righteousness set open, the gate of God! I’ll enter in to praise you, Lord, who prayer have answered, and have saved me from all my sin.

The Stone—O Lord, it is your doing—the Stone the builders did despise, is made the headstone of the corner, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day, of days most glorious, the Lord has made; we’ll joy and sing. Send now prosperity, we pray, Lord; and, O our God, salvation bring! Amen.

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The Thanksgiving Prayer

The Offertory: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Robert J. Powell

The Offering: Henry Beets Mission Society

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 5

“Let All Things Now Living”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: Amen.

*The Choral Response:

“Thank You, Lord”

Seth and Bessie Sykes. arr. Rob Hobgood & Larry Visser

Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul, thank you, Lord, for making me whole, thank you, Lord, for giving to me thy great salvation, so rich and free.

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Brass Ensemble, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director
Greg Alley, Aaron Good – trumpet
Leah Bouwman – french horn
Joseph Radtke – trombone
Mark Lago – tuba
Perrin Rynders – timpani and percussion
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director
Chancel Choir, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director
Joellah Bouwman – First Fruits carrier
Joel Bouwman and Sheryl VanEck – Cross and Bible bearers
Ed Hoeksema, Marilyn DeJong, Martin Postma – thanksgiving stories

The **Thanksgiving Day offering** will be for the Henry Beets Mission Society (HBMS). HBMS is not part of the LaGrave budget, but is funded solely by your monetary support during its three annual special offerings,

and through memorial and estate gifts. Increased missionary costs combined with decreased giving so far this year have created a great financial need. Thank you for supporting HBMS missionaries as they share the gospel both in this country and around the world.

Guest instrumentalists **Mark Lago**, band director at Northview Public High School, and **Joseph Radtke**, band director at Greenville Middle School and trombone instructor at Alma College, join several LaGrave musicians in this morning's music ministry. Instrumentalists receive honoraria from the **Sue Bos Muller Music Memorial Fund**.