

Contemporary Worship

November 20, 2022

The Joy of Generosity:

From Thanksgiving to Thanksliving

Week 3

GATHERING MUSIC

You Never Let Go – Redman

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me,
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?*

*Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.
Oh no, You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me.*

*And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me,
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?*

*Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You.*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.

²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

SONG *

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1: Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON *

I Chronicles 29:14-20

¹⁴ 'But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵ For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. ¹⁶ O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸ O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you. ¹⁹ Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision.'

²⁰ Then David said to the whole assembly, 'Bless the LORD your God.' And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the LORD and the king.

SONG *

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 2: Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be", blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

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GOSPEL LESSON *

Luke 12:22-34

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?^[a] ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;^[b] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his^[c] kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG *

Have No Fear, Little Flock

- Verse 1: Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!
- Verse 2: Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!
- Verse 3: Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!
- Verse 4: Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!

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PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in "Merciful God,"

Assembly: receive our prayer.

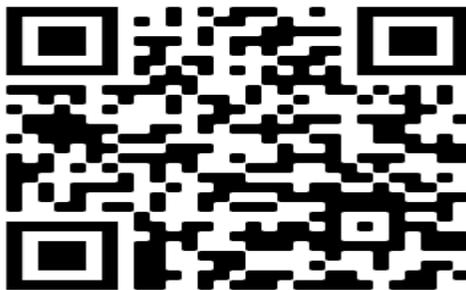
The assembly responds to the final petition ending with "...through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Assembly: Amen.

OFFERING

*For This I Have Jesus – Graham Kendrick
Praise Team*

As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts. Offering plates are available at each entrance to the sanctuary and the QR code can be used to give our tithes and offering.



*For the joys and for the sorrows, the best and worst of times.
For this moment, for tomorrow, for all that lies behind.
Fears that crowd around me, for the failure of my plans.
For the dreams of all I hope to be, the truth of what I am.*

For this I have Jesus.

*For the tears that flow in secret, In the broken times.
For the moments of elation or the troubled mind.
For all the disappointments, or the sting of old regrets.
All my prayers and longings that seem unanswered yet.*

*For the weakness of my body, the burdens of each day.
For the nights of doubt and worry when sleep has fled away.
Needing reassurance and the will to start again,
A steely-eyed endurance, the strength to fight and win.*

CONFESSION *

Leader: God of mercy,

Assembly: we confess that we do not always fully put our trust in you.

We are not always ready to do what you call us to do.

We are afraid, so we store up treasures for our own security.

We are uncertain, so we hesitate when you call us to act.

**We are selfish, so we look after ourselves first,
putting your mission in second place.**

Forgive us, O God, and give us the readiness to serve.

May our lives bring glory to your name.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the
receptacles at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and
dispose of the cups and packaging after the service.*

Paper bags for the disposal of cups and packaging are available on the communion rail.

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
 The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Seek Ye First

Verse 1: Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
 And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Verse 2: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
 That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

Verse 3: Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
 Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
 and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: **Amen.**

BLESSING *

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Assembly: Amen.

SONG *

Go in Peace, Go in Love

Go in peace. Go in love.
Go to seek. Go to serve.
Go in hope to work and pray.
And God goes with you all the way.

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DISMISSAL *

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

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Chad Baker, Director of Worship & Music
Praise Team

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FLOWER DEDICATION:

*The altar flowers are given in loving memory of her parents, Herb and Lucy Kruse,
and her brother, Robert H. Green Jr., by Kathy and Grant Wolfe.*

*The organ flowers are given in memory of Reverend Tom Wolfe
by Nelson and Linda Kopp and family and by Brad and Judy Kopp and family.*

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