

Happy Thanksgiving from your LPC Family

Thanksgiving Song (makes a wonderful prayer!)

"Grateful for each hand we hold
Gathered round this table.

From far and near we travel home,
Blessed that we are able.

Grateful for this sheltered place
With light in every window,

Saying welcome, welcome, share this feast
Come in away from sorrow.

Father, mother, daughter, son,
Neighbor, friend and friendless;

All together everyone in the gift of loving-kindness.

Grateful for whats understood,
And all that is forgiven;

We try so hard to be good,
To lead a life worth living.

Father, mother, daughter, son,
Neighbor, friend, and friendless;

All together everyone, let grateful days be endless.

Grateful for each hand we hold
Gathered round this table."

- Mary Chapin Carpenter - Thanksgiving Song Lyrics

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**Locust Presbyterian Church
Thanksgiving Service
November 24, 2020**

Welcome

Rev. Ardy Skidmore

Call to Worship:

ONE: Know that the LORD is God.

**MANY: It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

ONE: For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving

MANY: for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer.

ONE: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

MANY: for his steadfast love endures forever.

ONE: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**MANY: For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.**

ONE: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

MANY: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

***Hymn of Praise # 559 "We Gather Together"**

Confession: Lord, too often we take for granted the many blessings you bestow on us. Too often we don't pause to express our thanks. Too often we only see from our limited sight that challenges bring us closer to you. Too often we don't hear the cries of those in need because we only focus on our own wants. Forgive us Lord, hear our prayer of thanks and our humble spirit calling out to You.

Assurance of Pardon

First Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Second Scripture Psalm 65

Message – "He who gives"

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 551 "*Come Ye Thankful People Come*"

Third Scripture 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Communion:

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

***Hymn of Blessing # 554 "Let All Things Now Living"**

Charge and Benediction

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If you can help with setting up the Christmas tree on Saturday, please speak to Bob Remsburg for the time.

We will join in Worship on Sunday for the First Sunday in Advent.

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalm 65

¹Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

² O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

³When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

⁴Happy are those whom you choose and bring near

to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas.

⁶By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

⁷You silence the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves,

the tumult of the peoples.

⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it,

you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;

you provide the people with grain,

for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,

settling its ridges,

softening it with showers,

and blessing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain,

they shout and sing together for joy.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!