

Thanksgiving Day Worship



November 27, 2003



Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 136*

*Prelude & Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



*Prelude & Silent Preparation for Worship

†Hymn #86 "Now thank we all our God"

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Congregation: **And also with you!**

†The Lord Summons Us to Give Thanks: *Psalm 111*

Praise Yahweh!

I will praise Yahweh with my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright
and in the congregation.

The works of Yahweh are great,

Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

His work is honorable and glorious,

And His righteousness endures forever.

He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;

Yahweh is gracious and full of compassion.

He has given food to those who fear Him;

He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

He has declared to His people the power of His works,

In giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of His hands are verity and justice;

All His precepts are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever,

And are done in truth and uprightness.

*Please be seated and prepare for worship

†Congregation stands

He has sent redemption to His people;

He has commanded His covenant forever:

Holy and awesome is His name.

The fear of the Yahweh

is the beginning of wisdom;

A good understanding

have all those who follow his instruction.

His praise endures forever.

†We Confess Our Sin

Almighty God, our gracious heavenly Father, we confess before you that we have not faithfully given thanks to you for your manifold goodness and mercy. Your charge against us is accurate; we stand condemned for our failure to offer thanks to you for everything we are and have. We regularly speak and live as if the riches we enjoy come from some other source, as if we have life and every good thing because of our own efforts or even by good fortune. But worst of all, Father, we acknowledge how easy it is for us to forget that you have loved us and delivered us from sin and the Devil's kingdom by giving your one and only Son Jesus Christ as the sacrifice that takes away our guilt and draws us into your life-giving presence. Grant unto us, we pray, through the work of your Holy Spirit, the power to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving that is so pleasing to you, both by what we say and how we order our lives in your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

†The Lord Assures Us of His Forgiveness

†We Give Thanks: Hymn #502 "Rejoice, ye pure in heart"

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:13-21*

The Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 8:11-20*

The New Testament Reading: *James 1:16-18; 3:13-17*

A Thanksgiving Homily: **THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†A Psalm of Thanksgiving: Hymn #512

"Give thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah"

Personal Testimonies of Thanksgiving From God's People

†Congregational Prayer of Thanksgiving

Most high and mighty Ruler of the universe, our heavenly Father, by whom our nation has been established in freedom and preserved in unity: In this feast of thanksgiving we thank you for the fruits of the earth. We glorify you that you have fulfilled to us your gracious promise that "while the earth remains seedtime and harvest shall not fail." We bless you for the abundance of good things that we enjoy from your hand. We thank you also for the favor you have shown to our fathers, and your faithfulness continued unto their children; for the rich land given us for an inheritance, and the great power entrusted to our people; for the fidelity of men set in authority, and the peace maintained by righteous laws; for protection from outward dangers, and deliverance from inward strife; for an honorable place among the nations, and the opportunity of increasing service to the world. Keep our nation in your care, we pray; and guide our government according to your holy will. We pray that you will receive all the glory and the praise and the thanksgiving, from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Closing Hymn: #615 "Come, ye thankful people, come"

†Pastoral Benediction: *Romans 15:13*

†Postlude



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Worship Service



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