



Service Order for November 25, 2018

Welcome

Invocation

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: At this time of Thanksgiving we consider the good gifts of God. The Lord is our great provider. He gives us all good things. Yet, at times we do not respond with thanksgiving. At other times, we take the glory that belongs to God. Still at other times. All good gifts come from our Father in Heaven and He gives in abundance, that we may also give generously. At times, though, we hoard His good gifts and are unwilling to be generous. For this and all our other sins, we now confess.

(a time of silence to reflect and personally confess our sins)

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. In particular, we confess that we have not lived lives of gratitude or proclaimed Your good gifts. We have also not loved our neighbor with the generosity that You have loved us. We are sincerely sorry for our sins. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, please forgive us and renew us that we may live lives of thanksgiving and generosity that others may hear of Your good gifts and glorify Your holy name.

P: The Lord has heard your cry for mercy. He, who gives more than we can ask or imagine, has given us forgiveness beyond what we could hope for. Your sins are forgiven in the of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: We praise Your name, Oh Lord! Amen.

Psalm 136

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

C: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: To him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: To him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: To him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: To him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: The sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: The moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Songs of Praise and Worship

- God of Wonders
- Give Thanks
- 10,000 Reasons

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 9:1-2, 9-11

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High...

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,

for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!

Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Epistle Reading - James 1:16-18

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Children's Message (*Children dismissed to Children's Church*)

Sermon - "Give Thanks to the Lord"

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

He 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. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Prayers

Offering (*Children return during offering*)

The 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

Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

Distribution - *Come Thou Fount* (have slides for the 3 verses we have in Planning Center)

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song - Great is Thy Faithfulness

Announcements

(Service Ends)

Clean Up