

THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 8, 2023

Thanksgiving Sunday
Sunday, October 8, 2023
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Voluntary in D"</i>	P. Prelleur
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)		
*Hymn 858		<i>"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"</i>
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 101
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"The Heavens Are Telling"</i>	F. J. Haydn

Word

First Reading		Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalm Hymn (see page 5)		
Second Reading		2 Corinthians 9:6-15
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia!"</i>	p. 102
*Gospel Reading		Luke 17: 11-19
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 689		<i>"Praise and Thanksgiving"</i>
*Prayers of Intercession		A: Your mercy is great.
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 679		<i>"For the Fruit of All Creation"</i>
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table I		p. 108

*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 112
Lamb of God		p. 112
Communion Hymns 694, 881		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 840		<i>"Now Thank We All Our God"</i>
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Nun danket alle Gott"</i>	S. Karg-Elert

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At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be God...

Steadfast and faithful God,

**A: you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

65E Every Heart Its Tribute Pays

F Dm C F Dm A

1 Ev - ery heart its trib - ute pays, ev - ery tongue its song of praise;
 2 Ev - er while your deeds en - dure our sal - va - tion stands se - cure;
 3 Year by year, the sea - sons' round sees the land with bless - ing crowned,

Dm Gm C F C/E Dm/F C/G G C

sin and sor - row, guilt and care, brought to God who an - swers prayer;
 God your fin - gers spun the earth, gave the seas and moun - tains birth,
 where ca - ressed by sun and rain bar - ren earth gives life a - gain;

F B \flat

there by grace may hu - man - kind full and free for - give - ness find;
 tamed the o - cean, formed the land, spread the skies with might - y hand:
 sun - lit val - leys burn with gold, na - ture smiles on field and fold,

D Gm C F B \flat F/A F/C C F

called and cho - sen, loved and blest, in God's pres - ence be at rest.
 far - off shores re - vere your Name, day and night your power pro - claim.
 gifts of God in plen - ty poured: all things liv - ing, praise the Lord!

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Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Caroline Schmidt, Dylan Siebert, John Waterfield

Communion Server: Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Jeanette, Bev, Meaghan, Henry, Marie, Grace, Maureen and John.

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there is a common cup station and a pouring chalice station (please take an empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

General Announcements

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Fellowship Hall! Use the door nearest to the piano, and follow the signs.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

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