



November 19, 2023—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

*A sensible thanksgiving for mercies received is a mighty prayer in the Spirit of God.
It prevails with Him unspeakably. – John Bunyan*

Prelude *Let Us Rejoice (The King's Ringers)* Cynthia Dobrinski

*The prelude is a bridge from our busy lives into this hour of worship.
Feel free to greet one another during this time, or to quiet your heart in prayer and reflection.*

Community Life Update

*Call to Worship Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

All: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

All: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Leader: For the Lord is good;

All: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Entrance Hymnal, 98

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven—
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1636, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; Music: NUN DANKET, Johann Cruger, 1647

* Please stand if you are able.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Kenyan Liturgy

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise,

All: for you are the great Father, living God, supreme over all the world.

Leader: From a wandering nomad you created your family;

for a burdened people you raised up a leader;

All: for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets.

Leader: In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image,

All: bringing your kingdom, revealing your will,

dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself.

Leader: Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit,

All: filling us with light and life!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Hymn of Praise

Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn

And run the course of day, till evening falls in crimson rays.

His fingerprints on flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,

He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"

Fill the earth with songs of worship; Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace,

Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.

A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse;

Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;

The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.

When He renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply

With one resplendent theme; The glory of our God and King!

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Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

I Thessalonians 5:15-18

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to every-one. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

I Corinthians 1:4-9

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Meditation

This Is the Day

This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
We will rejoice and be glad; this is the day the Lord has made.

The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song; He has become my salvation.
The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song; You are my God, I will exalt you!

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*Hymn of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbd the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take;
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

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Video—2023 Exploring Prayer Update

Call to Sacrificial Living

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

John 6:1-59

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Gratitude: Jesus

Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

*Hymn of Response

Hymnal, 32

¹ Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

² Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

³ Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
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*Benediction

*Postlude

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Jim Coleman by his family.

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Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Scott Puckett, Engage the World Pastor (8:30); Jeff Henry, Ruling Elder (9:45)

New Today? Welcome!

We're so glad you are here! Fill out a blue Connect Card and stop by and turn it in at the Welcome Desk for a free gift. Also, join us for coffee in the Welcome Center each Sunday between 9:30 and 11:15 am. We would love to meet you. Learn more about our ministry at mitchellroad.org!

“Angels in Advent”—Advent Season is Coming Soon!

We have been planning for the celebration of the Advent season and now it is just around the corner! See our full Advent Schedule on our website at mitchellroad.org/advent. Take time to consider unbelieving friends, neighbors, or co-workers who you could invite to hear the Good News of the birth of our Savior!

“Better Together” - Mitchell Road Women's Conference

February 2 and 3, 2024 at Mitchell Road

Registration is open! Find out more and register at mitchellroad.org/events.

Exploring Prayer 2023—This Week's Prayer

Give thanks for God's Word that will not return void (Is. 55:10-11)

Reminder: November Elective—Transgenderism, Culture, and Christ's Kingdom
9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, Teacher: Ruling Elder, Jonathan Kittel