

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY at FCRC
October 10, 2021

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Welcome – Mark

Call to Worship – Mark (Phil. 1:3-6, 9-11)

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ... And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Opening Praise Song - Rejoice the Lord is King 224

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell
to Christ the Lord are given
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope
for Christ, the Judge, shall come
to gather all his saints
to their eternal home
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION AND FORGIVES OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION - Bernadette

In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence
to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day
and most especially of their Giver.
(a moment of silence)

CONFESSION - Irene

Let us pray.
O God, we know that we forget about you,
we forget to love you,
we forget to help our neighbours,
we forget to thank you.
Forgive us, Lord our God.

You call us to live in caring community,
but too often we place our wants and needs first,
with those of others a distant second.
You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us,
but we are worried that there may not be enough,
and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.
For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts,
for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves,
forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Bernadette

God is a gracious giver.
God is gracious in forgiveness.
God calls us to new patterns and new life.
We are a forgiven people!
Thanks be to God!

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 45, Q & A #116 – on slides

ONE. Why do Christians need to pray? - Bernadette

**Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.
And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually
and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them. - Irene**

Scripture: Psalm 116 - Mark

Message: A Thanksgiving Prayer

Prayers of the People to include the Lord's Prayer (on slides) - Mark

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.
For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen

GOD INVITES OUR RESPONSE

Song of Response: Blessed Be Your Name LUYH #343

Blessed be your name
in the land that is plentiful
where your streams of abundance flow
blessed be your name

Blessed be your name
when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining down on me
when the world's "all as it should be"
blessed be your name

Blessed be your name
on the road marked with suffering
though there's pain in the offering
blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name."

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

**Offering
God Blesses Us**

Benediction Song: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow LUYH #965

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen!