

CALL TO THANKSGIVING

- * **Call to Give Thanks:** *Psalm 105:1-4*
*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*
**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**
*Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*
**Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

* **Now Thank We All Our God**

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, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O 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 in 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 heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. AMEN.

- * **Sing to the Lord of Harvest** #458:1,3 (PH)
Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest, a joyful song of love.

Heap on his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

* **Blessed Be Your Name**

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. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

Refrain: 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. *Refrain*

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name."
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your glorious name."

Psalm 100

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Congregational Thanksgiving: *I am thankful for...*

Thanksgiving Prayer

**Thank you for your goodness
and for your blessings over our lives.
Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough,
for who you are, for all that you do,
for all that you've given.
We're so grateful for your amazing love and care,
for your mercy and grace,
for always working on our behalf,
even behind the scenes when we're unaware.
Thank you that you are always with us
and will never leave us,
even through loss and the most difficult of times.
Thank you for your incredible sacrifice
so that we might have freedom and life.
Help us to set our eyes
and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us
with your peace and joy,
this Thanksgiving Day and every day.
We give you thanks and praise,
for You alone are worthy!
In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

SHARING IN THANKSGIVING

All Things are Yours

All things are Yours! We make that true
When we return our gifts to you.
And so we give, and so we share,
In Christ's strong name expressing care.

"Give out of love," your Word commands,
We are your head, your heart, your hands.
Your Word you underscore with deeds
By using us to answer needs.

Offering: Thanksgiving Envelopes

(All loose money and unmarked envelopes will go towards
First CRC Christian School Tuition Assistance.)

* **For the Fruit of All Creation**

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

THE WORD WITH THANKSGIVING

- * **Scripture:** *Nehemiah 8:9-12 (ESV)* pg. 512
⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." ¹¹So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." ¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Go Your Way Feasting*

* **Let All Things Now Living**

#453:1,2 (PH)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

GOING OUT WITH THANKSGIVING

* **God's Blessing**

* **We Receive Your Blessing**

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

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Prayer: Mark T Reader: Ella M
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Go Your Way Feasting

Nehemiah 8:9-12

Give
THANKS
to the **LORD**
for He
IS GOOD
His **LOVE**
endures
FOREVER
Psalm 107:1

Thanksgiving Day

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 22, 2018
10:00 a.m. Worship Service