
November 22, 2007

Thanksgiving Day

I said to a squirrel, "What is that you are carrying?" and he said,

"It is my lucky rock; isn't it pretty?"

I held it and said, "Indeed."

I said to God, "What is this earth?"

And he said, "It's my lucky rock;
isn't it wondrous?"

Yes, indeed.

"My Lucky Rock" by Tukaram (1608–1649)

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

11:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

PRELUDE

We Gather Together *Wilbur Held*
Now Thank We All Our God from *Cantata No. 79*
Johann Sebastian Bach
Now Thank We All Our God *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

OPENING SENTENCES *Each sentence will end with “your people say,”
to which the congregation responds:*
We thank you, O God.

Leader: . . . your people say,
All: **We thank you, O God.**
Leader: . . . and for the joy and privilege of serving him,
All: **We thank and praise you, God,
for all your goodness to us. Amen.**

*HYMN 554

“Let All Things Now Living”

Tune: ASH GROVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Forgive us, O God,
for we have taken the gifts of life for granted.
Forgive us, for we don’t always behold with awe
your whole creation. Instead, we focus too much
on ourselves, on our task at hand,
on our slice of life. Stun us, O God,
o that we truly behold your creative work.
Only then will our hearts have an endless supply
of thanks and praise. Through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 148 *(responsively)*

(page 550, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“Pleasure It Is”

Cecil Cope

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:1–2:4

(page 1, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by Joyce Shin

ISN'T THAT SOMETHING?

***HYMN 453**

“O Holy City, Seen of John”

Tune: MORNING SONG

***APOSTLES' CREED**

(traditional)

(The Hymnal, page 14)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(unison)

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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Harvest Song”

*American folk hymn
arr. Austin C. Lovelace*

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful and the earth glad. We bless you for creating the whole world. We bless you for our preservation, and above all for your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 297**

“O Lord of Every Shining Constellation”

Tune: VICAR

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Let All Together Praise Our God

J. S. Bach

Participating in the Service

Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Members of the Morning Choir

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