

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

BUCHANAN CHAPEL ❖ NOVEMBER 26, 2013 ❖ 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE Improvisation on *Let All Things Now Living*
Traditional Welsh melody

WELCOME AND INVOCATION Joyce Shin

***HYMN** “Now Thank We All Our God” *Tune: CRUGER/MENDELSSOHN*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother’s arms, hath 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 God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

READING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

Susan Solomon

PSALTER Psalm 138 (*responsively, see insert*)

David Levinsky

ANTHEM “Simple Gifts”

Aaron Copland

’Tis the gift to be simple, ’tis the gift to be free,
’tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
’twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight
’till by turning, turning we come round right.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 17:11–19

Michelle Peltier
(page 75, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

By Daniel Mayall

***HYMN** “We Gather Together”

Tune: KREMSER

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing,
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing cease them from distressing,
sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine,
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader in battle,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

David Levinsky

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *John Rutter*

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made
their glowing colors; he made their tiny wings. All things bright
and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and
wonderful, the Lord God made them all. The purple headed
mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning, that
brightens up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant
summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them ev'ry
one; all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. He
gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell, how great
is God almighty, who has made all things well. All things bright
and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and
wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Wydetta Carter

Leader: May Thanksgiving be more than a special day;
may it be for us a way of life.

People: **We have been enriched in every way to live with
great generosity and thanksgiving to God.**

Leader: May we appreciate anew the good earth that is
our inheritance from a loving Creator.

People: **We celebrate God's goodness to our ancestors
and God's continuing provision for us.**

Leader: May our senses be attuned to the cries of brokenness
and the sighs of longing among us.

People: **We seek not only attentiveness, but understanding;
not only awareness, but involvement.**

Leader: May the blessing of abundance produce in us
generous spirits and habits of sharing.

People: **We will not forget the source of our plenty or
take for granted what God entrusts to us.**

Leader: Grant us, O God, to live peaceably with all you love
and to display thankfulness at the heart of all we do.

People: **Amen.**

***HYMN** “For the Fruits of All Creation”

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future need's in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvest 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.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Joyce Shin

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on Now Thank We All Our God* Johann Cruger

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Psalm 138

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

People: **I bow down toward your holy temple and
give thanks to your name for your steadfast love
and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your
name and your word above everything.**

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

People: **All the kings of the earth shall praise you,
O Lord, for they have heard the words
of your mouth.**

Leader: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

People: **For though the Lord is high, he regards
the lowly; but the haughty he perceives
from far away.**

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath
of my enemies; you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

People: **The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**