

Thanksgiving Worship
November 24, 2022
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Prelude Organist, Ruth De Vries
Pianist, Laura Wielard
“Come, Ye Thankful People/Come, Thou Fount”

Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-4

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Praise TPH#105B:1-3 “O Thank the Lord with Great Rejoicing”

*God’s Greeting

Song of Thanksgiving TPH#254 “Let All Things Now Living”

Scripture Reading: Page 702 Psalm 116

Song of Response TPH#116A:1-3, 8 “I Love the Lord, for He Has Heard My Voice”

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation TPH#552 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Scripture Reading: Page 696 Psalm 107

Sermon Text Psalm 107

Sermon “Give Thanks for His Unfailing Love”

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication TPH#107A:1-5, 13 “O Thank the Lord, for He Is Good”

Offering Thanksgiving Envelopes
“Give Thanks”

*Doxology TPH#181 “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude “Fantasia on ‘Nun Danket’”
*Please stand if you are able.

Give Thanks for His Unfailing Love

Scripture Reading: Psalm 107, Page 696

Sermon Text: Psalm 107

Theme: We should be thankful that the steadfast love of the Lord shows mercy even to covenant breakers when they cry out to the Lord in their trouble.

I. The Psalm concerns the return from Babylonian exile.

II. The Psalm contains four metaphors for the trouble God sends to the unfaithful.

III. The Psalm encourages the unfaithful to cry out to the Lord in their trouble.

IV. The Psalm commands all who have experienced God’s steadfast love to give thanks.

TPH 105B - "O Thank the LORD with Great Rejoicing"
(Stz. 1-3)

1. O thank the LORD with great rejoicing,
his deeds among the peoples voicing.
Praise him, his wondrous works proclaim,
and glory in his holy name.
Let those who seek him praise the LORD,
their hearts exulting in his word.
2. Turn to the LORD, who fails us never,
and seek his face, his strength, forever.
Recall the wonders he has wrought,
the righteous judgments he has taught.
Remember these, you chosen ones,
O Abr'am's offspring, Jacob's sons.
3. He is the LORD, our God unfailing,
his judgments ev'rywhere prevailing.
He will remember and uphold
his cov'nant made in days of old.
The steadfast words of his command
a thousand generations stand.

TPH 254 - "Let All Things Now Living"

1. 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,
'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
2. His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
the 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,
'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

TPH 116A - "I Love the LORD for He Has Heard My Voice" (Stz. 1-3, 8)

1. I love the LORD, for he has heard my voice;
 he heard my pleas for mercy and for grace.
Since he inclined his ear to my request,
 I'll call on him as long as life shall last.
2. Anguish of death encompassed me about;
 cords of the grave and terror held me down.
I was distressed. I called upon his name:
 "Rescue my soul, O LORD my God, I pray."
3. Righteous and gracious is the LORD our God,
 rich in his mercy, tender in his love.
He will preserve the simple in their need;
 when I was low, he came and rescued me.
8. I call upon God's name with thankful praise.
 'Mid all his people I will pay my vows,
 here, in the LORD's house, in his temple courts,
 in you, Jerusalem. O praise the LORD!

- TPH 552 - "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
 raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in,
 ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
 for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
 raise the song of harvest home.
 2. All the world is God's own field,
 fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
 unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade, and then the ear,
 then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
 wholesome grain and pure may be.
 3. For the Lord our God shall come,
 and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
 all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
 in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
 in his garner evermore.
 4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
 to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
 free from sorrow, free from sin;
there forever purified,
 in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
 raise the glorious harvest home.

TPH 107A - "O Thank the LORD, for He Is Good"
(Stz. 1-5, 13)

1. O thank the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy e'er endures.
So let the LORD's redeemed ones say,
the ones he saved from fear.
He saved them from their enemies
and brought them from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south,
from adversaries' hands.

2. Some wandered in the desert wastes,
not finding any way
to reach a city where they might
obtain a place to stay.
Their weary souls within grew faint,
when thirst and hunger pressed.
They cried then to the LORD in grief;
he saved them from distress.

3. He made the way before them straight,
and he became their guide,
that they might to a city go
in which they would abide.
Then let them thank the LORD for all
his love and wondrous deeds.
He fills the hungry soul with good,
supplies the soul in need.

4. Some sat in death's dark shade of night,
by chains in prison held;
they scorned the ways of God Most High,
against his words rebelled.
With heavy toil he brought them down,
their hearts he humbled low.
They stumbled in their deep distress,
with none to help their woe.

5. They cried then to the LORD in grief;
he saved them from distress;
he broke their chains, he saved from death;
from darkness brought release.
Then let them thank the LORD for all
his love and wondrous deeds.
He breaks in two their iron bars,
destroys their metal gates.

13. But God has raised the needy ones
from evil, grief, and woe.
He gathered them like flocks of sheep
and made their families grow.
The upright see and celebrate;
the wicked speak no word.
Let all the wise consider well
the mercy of the LORD.

TPH 181 - “Now Thank We All Our God”

1. Now thank we all our God
 with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has 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.

2. 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 and the next.

3. 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.