

# Hubbard United Methodist Church

*- an invitational community where love dwells,  
faith grows, and mission leads.*

November 23, 2022



## ***Litany of Thanksgiving***

(from "The Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer" publ. Westminster/John Knox Press 1993)

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

**God's love is everlasting.**

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For work to do and strength to work; for the camaraderie of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures;

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

**We thank you, Lord God.**

For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

**We praise you, Lord God.**

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

**We praise you, Lord God.**

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

**We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

# Worship Guide

*Pastors Steve Norby (Calvary); Roger Grafenstein  
(Riverside); Lauren Hauger (Hubbard)  
Piano: Terry Greenawalt*

*\*please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

GREETING

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

\*INTROIT: #565

*"Father, We thank You"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*L: The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,*

***People: Thank you!***

*L: The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,*

***People: Thank you!***

*L: The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,*

***People: Thank you!***

*L: Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,*

***People: Thank you!***

*L: Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,*

***People: Thank you!***

*L: The We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,*

***People: Thank you!***

*L: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

#694 (vv. 1,2,4)

\*INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader: Loving God, we gather today rich in blessing, somehow believing that we merit the wealth and comforts that we enjoy. forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare blankly in our direction.*

***People: Lord, have mercy on us.***

*Leader:* With bellies full of grain and meat, we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world and we feel we have done enough. Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between "us" and "them," for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry.

***People:* Christ, have mercy on us.**

*Leader:* With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world. Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving that we may work to ensure freedom and justice for all.

***People:* Lord, have mercy on us.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE AND PRAISE:

#70

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

#### **THE WORD OF GOD**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSVUE)*

PSALM RESPONSE

*Psalms 100 (NRSVUE)*

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 6:19-21 (NRSV)*

MESSAGE

*Pastor Steve Norby*

*"...I wish I could give thee, and that is the Christian Religion."*

*~ Patrick Henry*

*Pastor Steve Norby*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

#62 (vv. 1, 4, 7)

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

(see Bulletin Insert)

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

OFFERTORY: Offering will benefit Meals on Wheels

\*CLOSING HYMN  
#102

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***Please Join us following the Worship Service for  
coffee and pie!***

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