

Community Thanksgiving Worship

November 24, 2009

Prelude	"Now Thank We All Our God"	Karg-Elart
Welcome		Bob Wiley
Call to Worship	"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" <i>Community Choir</i>	Dearman
Hymn # 637	"We Gather Together"	KREMSER
Prayer		Bob Wiley
Hymn # 636	"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"	ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Scripture Reading		Roy Watkins
Doxology	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Responsive Reading

Leader: Generous and gracious God, we give thanks for your gifts great and small:

People: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Leader: For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, the unspeakable beauty of the stars, smooth stones and seashells, and the moment of slowing down before a peach and violet sunset:

People: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Leader: For those who have entered our lives, the memory of those who are gone, and relationships that deepen through the years:

People: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Leader: For the good kind of tired after a job well done, the rhythmic cadences of worship that call us together, and those things yet possible:

People: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Leader: For hymnwriters and poets who capture what we feel inside, fragile openness after utter guardedness, and language that is beyond words and in words:

People: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Leader: For raising us to life in this time and place, safe returns from important journeys, and enough restlessness in our hearts to move faithfully with you.

ALL: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Hymn Medley

Hymn # 585	"Count Your Blessings"	BLESSINGS
Hymn # 579	"He Has Made Me Glad"	HE HAS MADE ME GLAD
Hymn # 581	"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"	WE BRING THE SACRIFICE

Dedication of Offerings

Alan Hallman

Offertory "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Phillips

Choral Anthem "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Hayes
Community Choir

Message "Cultivating a Grateful Heart" Paige Pritchard

Hymn # 638 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

Benediction Roy Watkins

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Thiman

Following the community worship service tonight, we will join together in Jess Lucas/Y-Teen Park for the annual Hapeville Holiday celebration and Mayoral Tree Lighting, which will include decorations and music of the season. Everyone is invited to join us for this time of fellowship and celebration.

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

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