



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

November 23, 2023

PRELUDE

Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1, BWV 1007

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

WELCOME

Rev. Pat Halverson

PRELUDE

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Hans Georg Nägeli
(1773-1836)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness, come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is God that made us, and we are God's people.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God, bless God's name.
For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever God's faithfulness is to all generations.

*HYMN #551

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

A PRAYER OF THANKS

God, our source of all that is good: we offer our thanks for the blessings of food, clothing, shelter and family. Thank you for daily work and opportunities to share with others in their need. Thank you for your strong presence and help in times of need. Thank you for loving us and offering complete forgiveness to us through Christ our Lord. Thank you for these people, our brothers and sisters in Christ, who love us and help us to grow in faith. Help us to continue to walk in the footsteps of Jesus until that day we join with all the saints before your throne. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 5:20

"...giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Colossians 4:2

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving."

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

*pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

REFLECTIONS

Rev. Pat Halverson

OFFERING

Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 1

J. S. Bach

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, the source of all that is good, in gratitude for your many blessings, and with trust in your faithfulness to us all our days, we offer back to you a portion of your blessings to us as an act of worship, and as our desire to continue your work in this community and our world. Amen.

*HYMN #555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Pat Halverson

POSTLUDE

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar
(b. 1946)