

# CELEBRATIONS

Worship Series: "30 Days of Gratitude" Week 3 - Voluntary Giving

Sunday, November 19, 2017 - 10:45 a.m.

Welcome & Community Greeting

Opening Song (*Remain standing*)

"Everlasting God"

Benton Brown

Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord, we will wait  
up - on the Lord, we will wait up-on the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait  
up-on the Lord, we will wait up-on the Lord, we will wait up-on the Lord. Our God,  
you reign for ev - er Our Hope our strong Deliv - rer  
You are the ev - er last - ing God the ev - er last - ing God. You do  
not faint You won't grow wea - ry. wea - ry. You're the De-fend - er of the weak,  
You com - fort those in need. You lift us up on wings like ea - gles.

Our God, you reign for ever Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus: You are the ever lasting God The ever last-ing God. You do not faint You won't grow weary.

You're the Defender of the weak, You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Repeat Chorus

## Invocation

*Based on Ephesians 1:3, 7, 14*

L: In the name of the Father, C: **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing,**  
L: in the name of the Son, C: **in whom we have redemption through His blood,**  
L: in the name of the Spirit, C: **who is the guarantee of our eternal inheritance. Amen.**

## Gathering Prayer

### ✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

**Old Testament** *(Please be seated)* “The Day of the Lord is Near” *Zephaniah 1:7-9, 12*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the Lord’s sacrifice—“I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.’

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

“God Loves a Cheerful Giver”

*2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” <sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,  
 Father, we offer  
 For all things living,  
 Created good:  
 Harvest of sown fields,  
 Fruits of the orchard,  
 Hay from the mown fields,  
 Blossom and wood.
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor  
 We bring to serve You  
 That with our neighbor  
 We may be fed.  
 Sowing or tilling,  
 We would work with You,  
 Harvesting, milling  
 For daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing  
 Food for Your children,  
 By Your wise guiding  
 Teach us to share  
 One with another,  
 So that, rejoicing  
 With us, all others  
 May know Your care.

**Holy Gospel** *(Please stand)*      **“To Each According to His Ability”**      *Matthew 25:14-30*

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Video Clip** *(Please be seated)*

**“A Million Little Choices”**

**Special Music**

**“It’s the Little Things”** by Jennifer Williamson

*K-2 Choir*

Note: *To provide an atmosphere of worship, we kindly ask that you refrain from taking photographs or video during the service. Photographs are welcome after the service.*

**Children’s Message**

**Song of the Day**

**“Give Thanks”**

**Give Thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong” Let the poor say “I am rich”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong” Let the poor say “I am rich”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us Give thanks.**

**Oh may this bounteous God Thru 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.**

**Give Thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong” Let the poor say “I am rich”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us Give thanks.**

**Give Thanks. Give Thanks.**



## Sermon

## “2 Sermons”

2 Corinthians 9, Matthew 25

Sermon Series “30 Days of Gratitude-Voluntary Giving” (Week 3)

### Sermon 1

### Sermon 2

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## Confession & Absolution *(Please stand)*

2 Corinthians 5:17, Psalm 51:10-11

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Cast me not away from Your presence,

C: **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Against you have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

C: **The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.**

P: Almighty God, in His kindness, has given His Son to redeem you through Jesus' death and resurrection! In the waters of Baptism, He has washed you of your sin and even now calls you to return anew to His mercies. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship *(Please be seated)*

*(Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.)*

## Rededication & Commitment of God's People

### Gathering of Offerings & Commitment Cards

*(As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts.)*

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## Song

### “You Are the Light of the World”

1 You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the light of the world.

2 You are a city on a hill  
You are a city on a hill  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a city on a hill.

3 You are a star in the night  
You are a star in the night  
So shine, shine, shine where are you  
You are a star in the night.

4 You are a candle in the dark  
You are a candle in the dark  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a candle in the dark.

5 You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the light of the world.

## Prayers of the Church & the Lord's Prayer *(Please stand)*

L: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **May the name of the Lord be praised!**

L: The blessing of almighty God—Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit—remain with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Sending Song

### “Lord, Send Us Out in Peace”

*Gieseke*

1.Lord, send us out in peace To trav - el ways un  
2.Lord, guide our steps with hope; Make dan - gers dis - ap -  
3.Lord, send us forth with love To bless our pil - grim

sure With faith that Your pro - tect - ing hand Will  
pear Give con - fi - dence that finds its strength In  
way And joy - ful - ly thru earth - ly nights Bring

make our paths se - cure. Lord, send us out in peace.  
know - ing You are near. Lord, guide our steps with hope.  
us to heav - en's day. Lord, send us forth in love.

*Please join us this Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at  
7:00 p.m. for a special Thanksgiving Eve worship service.*