

The Lord Your God Welcomes You

Prelude “Come, Ye Thankful people, Come”

arr. Woods

Greeting & Welcome

***Mutual Greeting**

***Call to Worship**

What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you in Zion.

We will fulfill our vows to you, for you answer our prayers. All of us must come to you. Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all.

What joy for those you choose to bring near, those who live in your holy courts.
What festivities await us inside your holy Temple. You faithfully answer our prayers
with awesome deeds, O God our Savior.

**You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas.
You formed the mountains by your power and armed yourself with mighty
strength. You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and silenced
the shouting of the nations. Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe
of your wonders.**

From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy. You take care of
the earth and water it, making it rich and fertile. The river of God has plenty of water;
it provides a bountiful harvest of grain, for you have ordered it so.
You drench the plowed ground with rain, melting the clods and leveling the ridges. You
soften the earth with showers and bless its abundant crops.

**You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow
with abundance. The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture, and
the hillsides blossom with joy. The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep,
and the valleys are carpeted with grain. They all shout and sing for joy! Psalm 65**

***Hymn of Praise** “We Gather Together”

CH 790

***Opening Prayer**

Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given to us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***Song of Worship** “All Creatures of our God and King”

LUYH 551 vs 1,2 4,6

The Lord Your God Forgives You

Call to Confession

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,
**and that we may receive forgiveness through the Messiah,
the one appointed for us.**

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way, and rejected your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit, empower us to live for you, work in us, so that not even the slightest desire or thought contrary to any one of your commandments should ever arise in our hearts. Rather, teach us to hate sin and to please you in every way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Even though your conscience accuses you of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of your own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to you the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if you had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if you had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for you.

We gladly accept this gift with a believing heart.

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60

***Song of Assurance** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

LUYH 348

Call to Grateful Living

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

The Lord Your God Speaks Good News

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-21

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Sermon “Pardon Our Mess”

***Song of Response** “Come Ye Thankful People, Come”

LUYH 473 vs 1,2,4

The Lord Your God Listens to Your Prayers

Gratitude Testimonies

Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely given to us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who earnestly seek after truth, and all who labor for justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises
given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father,
and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

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Offering *Grand Haven Christian, Western Michigan Christian, Love in Action or World Renew*

Offertory “Arioso (Thanks Be to God)” Handel

***Closing Hymn** “Now Thank We All Our God” LUYH 543

***Benediction**

Postlude “Now Thank We All our God” arr. Karg-Elert

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