



ENTER INTO HIS GATES
WITH THANKSGIVING,
AND INTO HIS COURTS
WITH PRAISE:

*be thankful unto him,
and bless his name.*

PSALM 100:4

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue

Greensboro, NC 27403

Thanksgiving Communion Service 2020

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Welcome and Reminders

Choral call to Worship..... *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Call to Worship

One voice: Each morning we wake to the blessing of our God!

Many voices: **We stretch; we rub the sleep from our eyes. We receive the gift of the new day with all of its opportunities and challenges.**

One voice: Each night we sleep beneath the blessing of our God!

Many voices: **We are renewed and refreshed; we relax and let go. We trust that our God watches over us and cares for us.**

One voice: The blessing of our God is power for life.

Many voices: **We are blessed! Let us give thanks; let us worship the All-sufficient One.**

Gathering Prayer

God of blessings and abundance, as the light has burned brightly in our midst throughout this time in which we have gathered, your presence burns brightly in the world around us. Forgive us for those times in which we have been distracted by the luminaries of the world. Draw our hearts and minds into this moment so that we may truly worship and give for thanks for the many blessings of life. We pray in the name of the Risen One from whom we receive the power of life. Amen.

Hymn.....*We Gather Together #131 v. 1&2*

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!*

Scripture: Psalm 92

Reflective Meditation

Piano SoloAnita Trumplier-Rich

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" Arr. R. Hartsell

Invitation to the Table

In some traditions the Lord's Table, communion, is referred to as Eucharist. Eucharist means 'thanksgiving.' This is indeed a place of thanksgiving as we celebrate all the promises of God, those which have been fulfilled and those which wait for fulfillment. Let us come with joy and thanksgiving to meet our Lord and Savior.

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup

Leader: God, we come to the table of thanksgiving awed by the height, the depth, and the breadth of your love seen in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ

Jesus. We are humbled and amazed as we stand in anticipation of all that will be when your kingdom is fulfilled. Nourish us as we partake of bread of life and cup of salvation so that we might be strengthened for the life of discipleship today and all of our tomorrows. In Christ name we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution Leader: For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:23-34)

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Hymn.....*Now Thank We All Our God #102 v. 1&3*

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Blessing and Benediction (Unison)

God be merciful and bless us and cause your face to shine upon us that your way may be made know on earth, your saving health among all nations.

Postlude.....*Give Thanks*