

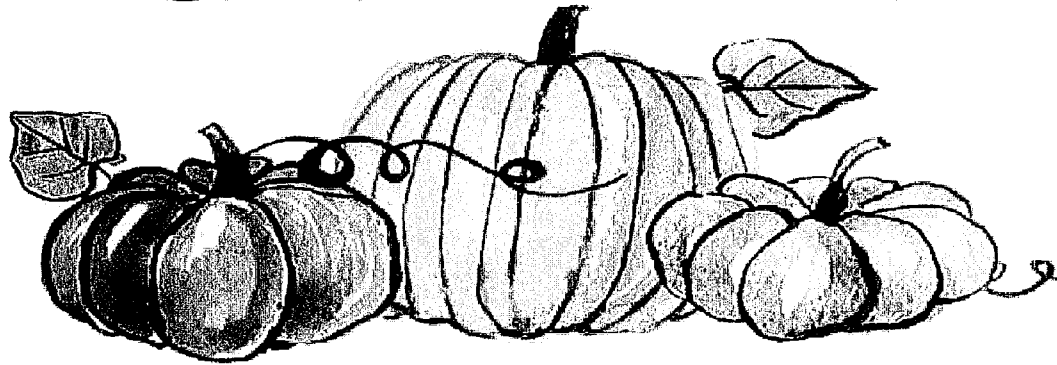
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*In all things*  
**GIVE** *thanks!*



**Thanksgiving**  
*Eve*  
*Service*

Decorative elements including a cluster of small dark berries on a stem with a leaf, and two individual leaves, one on the left and one on the right, framing the text.

Seven Thirty O'Clock  
Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 23, 2022

**God is Still Speaking ...**

*"Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action."*

W.J. Camero

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All, Our God"

C. Callahan

\* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 100)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: We will worship the Lord with gladness and come into God's presence with singing.**

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we belong to God;

**People: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Pastor: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to God, and bless God's holy name.

**People: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness extends to all generations.**

\* HYMN #797 (Green Hymnal) "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we hunger. We hunger for food. We hunger for relationship. We hunger for meaning in our lives. We hunger to make a difference. We hunger to love and to be loved. Thank you for the gift of Jesus who brings these things into our lives. Help us be open to the ways that a relationship with Jesus changes us. Draw us close to him and to one another, bring love alive in us, and empower us to bear the fruit of love for the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURES (Insert)

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11

New Testament

Philippians 4: 4 – 9

HYMN #170 (Green Hymnal) "Give Thanks"

\*THE GOSPEL

John 6: 25 - 35

\* THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

MEDITATION IN CHARACTER

HYMN #788 (Green Hymnal) "Now Thank We All Our God"

\* PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

\* BENEDECTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\* HYMN #796 (Green Hymnal) "In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him"

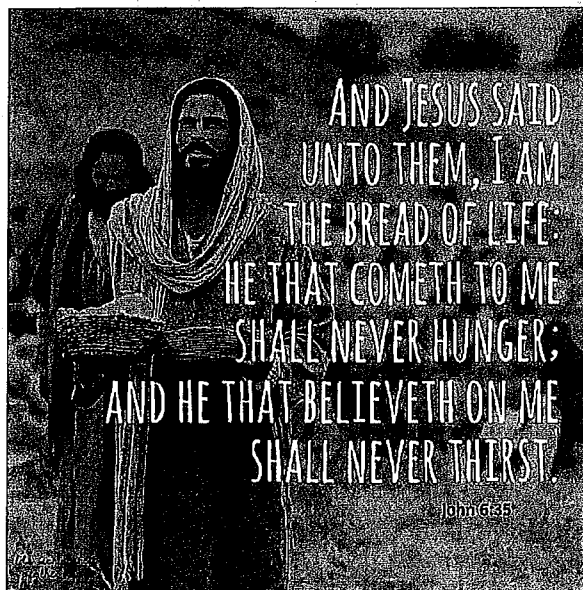
\* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "We Plow the Fields"

J. Schultz

\*Please stand as you are able

his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."



# Thanksgiving Eve



## Scripture Readings

## **Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11**

Once you enter the land that God is giving you as an inheritance and take it over and settle down, you are to take some of all the first fruits of what you grow in the land that God is giving you, put them in a basket, and go to the place God has set apart for you to worship. At that time, go to the priest who is there and say, "I announce to God today that I have entered the land that God promised to our ancestors and that he has given to us." The priest will take the basket from you and place it on the Altar of God. And there in the Presence of God recite these words:

A wandering Aramean named Abraham was my father, he went down to Egypt and sojourned there, he and just a handful of his brothers at first, but soon they became a great nation, mighty and many. The Egyptians abused and battered us, in a cruel and savage slavery.

We cried out to God and God listened to our voice. He saw our destitution, our trouble, and our cruel plight. So God took us out of Egypt with his strong hand and long arm and with signs and miracles. And he brought us to this place, gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. So here I am. I've brought the first fruits of what I've grown on this ground you gave me, O God.

Then place your gifts in the Presence of God, bow low and rejoice! Celebrate all the good things that God has given to you and your family, alongs with the Levites and the foreigners who live with you.

## **Philippians 4: 4 – 9**

Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, *revel* in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

## **John 6: 25 – 35**

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set