

Sunday Morning Worship

Nov 21, 2021

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music Selections from the “*Goldberg Variations*” by J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Intended primarily for the two-manual harpsichord, these variations take a delightful “aria” on a thirty-fold adventure of development.

Welcome and Announcements

Remembering Our Baptism

Prelude “Voluntary in A” by William Selby (1738-1798)

Selby came from England to Colonial Boston, where he flourished as an organist and composer, also working as a church musician in Newport, Rhode Island.

Organizing concerts and fostering the careers of other musicians, his role in the life of the colonies was energetic and substantive.

Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

Liturgist: Liz Simmons & Tucker Walker

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 the Lord that made us, and we are the Lord’s,

we are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.

Enter the Lord’s gates with thanksgiving,

and the Lord’s courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Lord, bless God’s name.

For the Lord is good;

The Lord’s steadfast love endures forever,

and the Lord’s faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Prayer

Gracious and generous God,

We come before you today with grateful hearts;

We lift our voices before you with joyful songs;

We offer our prayers to you with thanksgiving;

For all the gifts of love and grace we receive.

May our worship reflect our appreciation for your gracious acts,

for your loving presence,
and for your continuous care for all your creation. Amen.

**Hymn # 334 "With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"*

Call to Confession

Let us turn to God and confess our need for God's grace.

Prayer of Confession

For the times our harvests have been abundant, but our giving was scarce,
forgive us, O God.

For the times we have sown discontent and malice,
forgive us, O God.

For the times we have reaped your love but hoarded it away,
forgive us, O God.

For the times we have not trusted your provision and sustenance,
forgive us, O God.

For the times we have lost hope in Christ's reign,
forgive us, O God.

For the times we have walked unaware by your miracles in our midst,
forgive us, O God.

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Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Be fed by Christ's mercy and drink deeply of Christ's peace
knowing that in Christ we are forgiven and made whole. Alleluia!

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**Sharing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you,
And also with you.

**Response #647 "Give Thanks"*

Prayer for Illumination

**Light of the world, open our hearts and minds
by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear Your Word and take it to heart with joy. Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sermon "Receiving and Giving"

**Hymn #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"*

Prayers of Thanksgiving + Concern shared by the congregation.

Lord of love,
Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Moment for Stewardship

Dorrie Clark-Traeger

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory/Special Music Fanfare Prelude on "Nun Danket Alle Gott" arr. Doug Wagner, used with permission of Choristers Guild Publishing

Offering Prayer

**Holy One, Holy Mystery,
Thank you for the gifts we have received and the gifts we offer.
May we be ever mindful of the beauty and the wonders that surround us
May we also be mindful of our call to love and serve you with our words,
our deeds and our generous giving.
Accept all we offer this day in joy and hope. Amen.**

**Sung Doxology*

**Praise God whose love has made us one,
Praise Christ for new life now begun,
Praise Spirit who renews, uplifts,
Praise now the offering of these gifts.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “God the Father, Be Our Stay” by H. Scheidemann (1595-1663)

“God the Father, be our Stay;

O let us perish never!

Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,

And grant us life forever...

Amen, amen! This be done;

So sing we, Alleluia!”

(text by Martin Luther, trans. Richard Massie)

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With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

(Psalm 138)

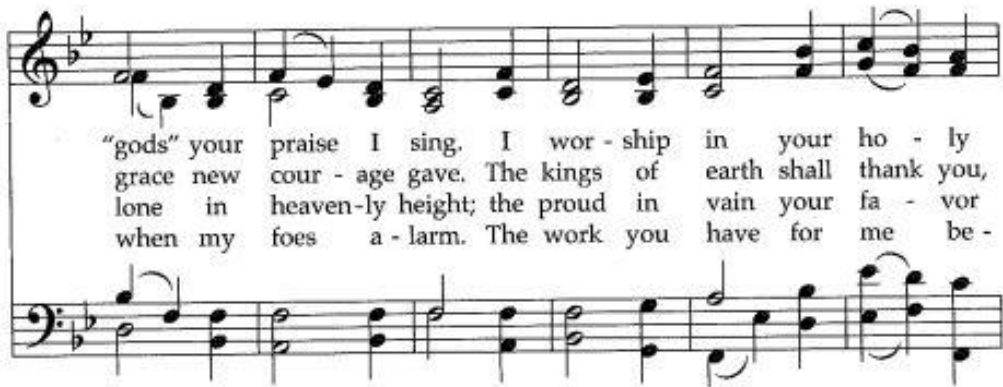
1 With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring; be - fore the
 2 I cried to you, and you did save; your word of
 3 O Lord, en - throned in glo - ry bright, you reign a -
 4 You will stretch forth your might - y arm to save me

Though Psalm 138 is usually regarded as a personal song of thanksgiving, this paraphrase makes clear that it also deals with the theme of God's sovereignty over would-be deities and over all human rulers. The fourth stanza shows that the psalm looks forward as well as backward.

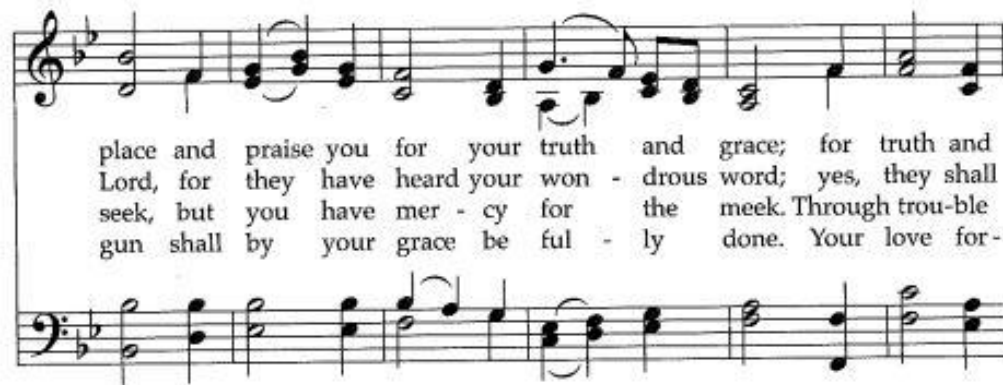
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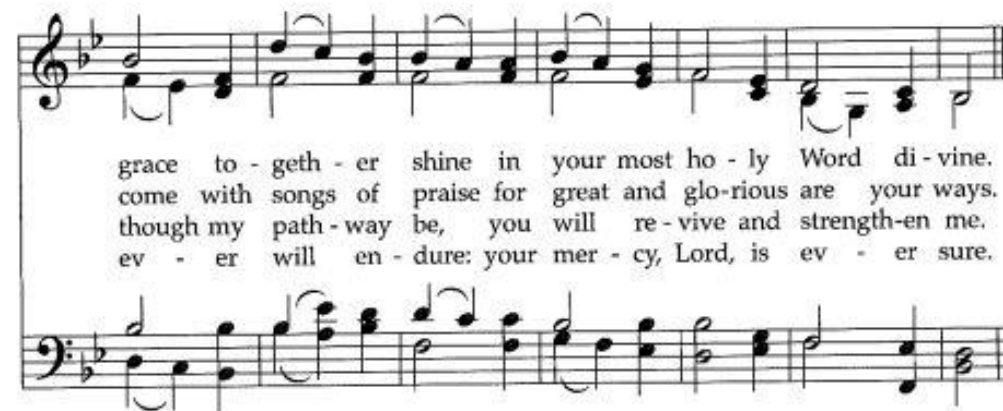
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"gods" your praise I sing. I wor - ship in your ho - ly
 grace new cour - age gave. The kings of earth shall thank you,
 lone in heaven - ly height; the proud in vain your fa - vor
 when my foes a - larm. The work you have for me be -



place and praise you for your truth and grace; for truth and
 Lord, for they have heard your won - drous word; yes, they shall
 seek, but you have mer - cy for the meek. Through trou - ble
 gun shall by your grace be ful - ly done. Your love for -



grace to - geth - er shine in your most ho - ly Word di - vine.
 come with songs of praise for great and glo - rious are your ways.
 though my path - way be, you will re - vive and strength - en me.
 ev - er will en - dure: your mer - cy, Lord, is ev - er sure.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day,
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.