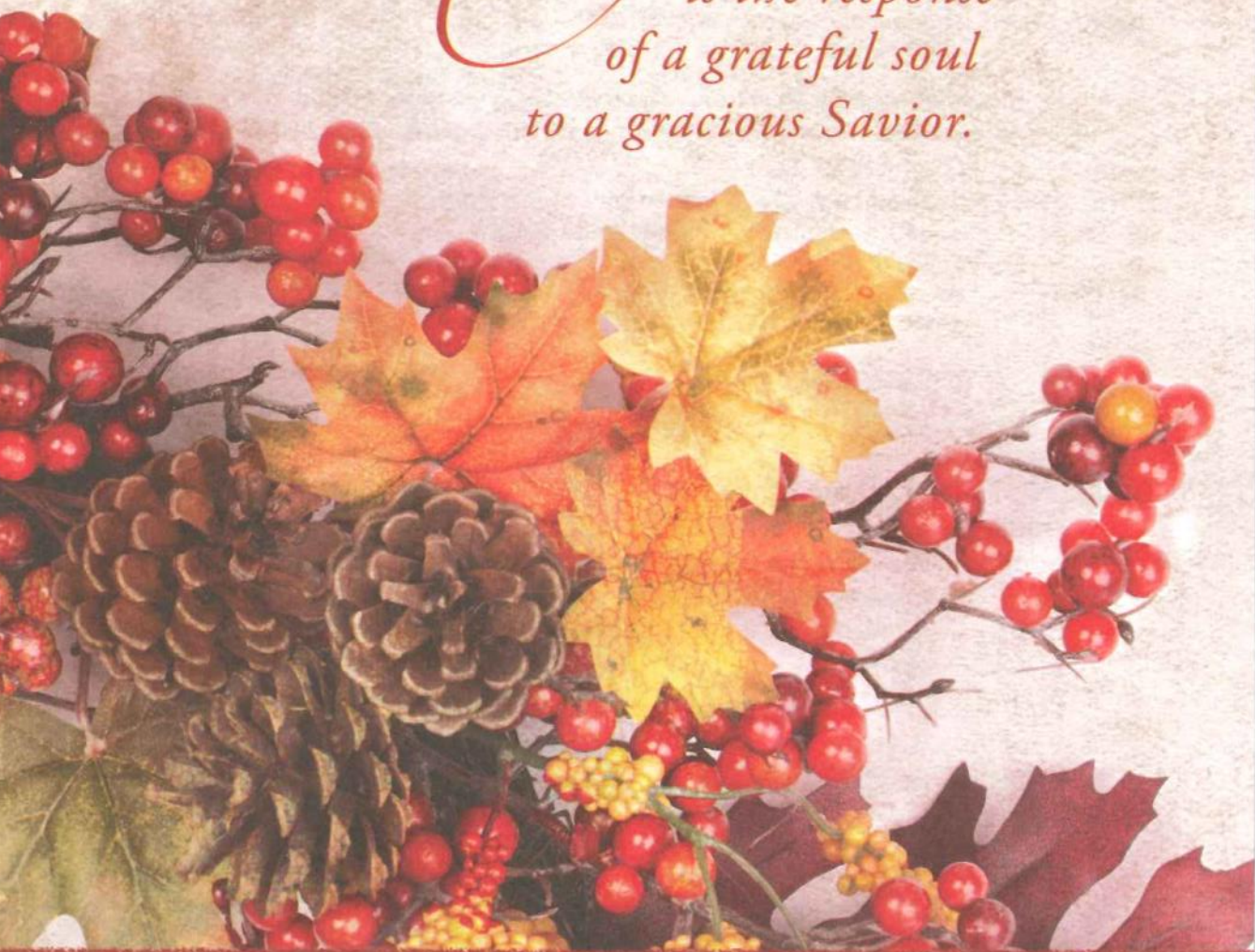


Thanksgiving

*is the response
of a grateful soul
to a gracious Savior.*



Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. PSALM 103:2

Act-ion Figures

Turning an Upside Down World Right Side Up

November 19, 2017

8:15 and 9:45 AM Traditional Worship

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PREPARATION

Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.

W.J. Cameron

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out your prayer request cards during this time. Pass only prayer requests that you wish to have read aloud to the center aisles at this time.

PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Bells of St. Mark’s

arr. J.D. Frizzell

INTROIT

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” (8:15)
Chancel Choir and Temple Emanu-El Choir

J.W. and J.R. Johnson

“Blessed Assurance” (9:45)
Celebration Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 100

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

People: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into the Lord’s presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

People: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: Give thanks and bless God’s name!

Leader: For the Lord is good;

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*OPENING HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

United Methodist Hymnal

(Bring your Called to Action Commitment cards forward during the hymn.)

No. 694

OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us, day by day and year by year, we give you our thanks. For the simple pleasures of life, and for health and strength, we give you our thanks. For food to nourish body and spirit, and the opportunity to share that with others, we give you our thanks. For resources in abundance, we give you our thanks. For the chance to offer you our commitments for next year, we thank you, O God, and ask your blessing upon our humble offerings. With grateful hearts, we worship you, O God. Amen.

BAPTISM OF ADELINE ANN CULVER (8:15)

Parents: Garrett and Ashley Culver

Great-grandmother: Ruth Fahden

SUNG RESPONSE “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” UMH, No. 611
(stanzas 1 & 2)

TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

(Sing first stanza of *Jesus Loves Me*, #191, as children gather.)

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S SCRIPTURE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 18:1-4, 18-21, 24-28 *New Testament*, pp. 138, 139

OFFERING OF MUSIC “V’shamru” (8:15) Traditional, arr. Baruch Cohon

“Victory in Jesus” (9:45) Bartlett/arr. Martin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 16:1-4 *New Testament*, p. 164
I Corinthians 16:19-20 p. 178

MESSAGE “Working Alongside... with Priscilla and Aquila” **Rev. Sharon Ragland**
(*Act-ion Figures, Turning an Upside Down World Right Side Up*)

CALL TO PRAYER “Exsultate Justi” (8:15) Dave and Jean Perry

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” (9:45) *TFWS*, No. 2223
(stanzas 1 - 3)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Creator of the Stars of Night" (8:15) O QUANTA QUALIA
"Jesus Lord, Hear Our Prayer" (9:45)

OFFERING

Offertory "Materna" arr. Betty Garce

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *UMH*, No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN** "Let All Things Now Living" *The Faith We Sing*, No. 2008

***SUNG BENEDICTION** "Shalom to You" *UMH*, No. 666

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** Postlude on "Azmon" Glaser/arr. Phillips



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