

THANKSGIVING EVE — NOVEMBER 25, 2020

Thought for Meditation: *GIVE THANKS in all circumstances, for this is God's will for us in Jesus Christ.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN "We Gather Together"

INVOCATION (Adapted from Sue Ellen Herne, Mohawk, 20th Century)

Thank you, Creator of the universe,
for the people gathered around us today.
We give thanks for the things of the Earth
that give us the means of life.
Thank you for the plants and animals that we use as food and
medicine.
Thank you for the natural world,
in which we find the means to be clothed and housed.
Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of Creation.
Help us to see our place among these gifts,
not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain.
May we respect the life of all you have made.
May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need,
and may we use our strength to help those who need us. Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 65 Carol Edwards, lay reader

HYMN "Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

THANKSGIVING LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:1-20

THANKSGIVING MEDITATION "Much Obligated, Lord"

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE