

SONGS AND PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless the Lord, give thanks and bless God's name!

HYMN

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

UMH 66

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (with sung response)

God, our Provider,

You formed the earth with fertile fields

pouring forth fruits of the earth:

wheat and corn,

yams and rice,

lentils and beans,

that the peoples of the earth be sustained.

We thank you for the abundant life springing from the earth,
and in the same moment confess to you our negligence
and mistreatment of our fields.

With hearts full of thanksgiving, yet sorrow, we implore you to
rain on the nations starving in drought,
send sunshine to flooded farms,
bring the Bread of Life to all who are hungry today.

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.

Christ who serves,

You acted out your love for us when you

touched a servant girl to heal,

multiplied fish and loaves to feed,

and carried your own cross to redeem

that the peoples of the earth might live.

We thank you for your humble acts of service, teaching us how to love,
yet we confess our blindness and unwillingness to help one another

With hands ready to work, we ask you to

push us to hug one another,

equip us with hospitality to feed others,

and strengthen us to carry the burdens of our friends.

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.

Spirit of Justice,

You whispered in our ears when

women won the right to vote,

Apartheid ended in South Africa,

Afghan refugees were granted asylum in the United States,

reminding us to treat one another justly.

We thank you for these moments of justice

but sigh with remorse over the daily injustices we allow to endure.

With voices trembling, we beseech you,
instill our souls with courage
infuse our words with conviction
and inspire our mouths to defend
those who are impoverished, alienated and oppressed.
Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.

This gratitude we offer, and these petitions we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior,
Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joel 2: 21-27

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:25-33

PRAYERS & TESTIMONIES

PROCESSIONAL & SONG OF BLESSING

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Be present at our table Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with thee.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE FEAST

BENEDICTION

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| 1) God be with you till we meet again;
by God's counsels guide, uphold you,
with God's sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again. | 3) God be with you will we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put God's arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again. |
| 2) God be with you till we meet again;
'neath God's wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. | 4) God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again. |

Worship Notes:

Readers: Christie Gooch, Meg Morrison

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