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Hymn:..... TLH 119: Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

The Thanksgiving Message:..... Colossians 4:2-5

(2) Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; (3) meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, (4) that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. (5) Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## Thank the Lord by Redeeming the Time

Response after Sermon:..... TLH 572, st. 1, 4

**SING:** Praise to God, immortal praise,  
For the love that crowns our days;  
Bounteous Source of every joy,  
Let Thy praise our tongues employ,  
All to Thee, our God, we owe,  
Source whence all our blessings flow.

As Thy prospering hand hath blest,  
May we give Thee all our best  
And by deeds of kindly love  
For Thy mercies grateful prove,  
Singing thus through all our days  
Praise to God, immortal praise.

Hymn:..... TLH 537: Every Morning Mercies New

Offering of Thanksgiving:

Prayer:

*Each petition ends with the following:*

*P: ... we give You thanks,*

**C: and bless Your holy name.**

The Lord's Prayer:

Benediction:

*P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all!*

**C: [ε] Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Hymn:..... TLH 36: Now thank We All Our God



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## † *The Order of Thanksgiving Worship* †

Worship Preparation:..... Psalm 100, TLH p. 144 f.

Hymn:..... TLH 574: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Responsory:..... Selected Passages with TLH 200

(Job 19:25-27)

*P: For I know that my Redeemer lives,*

**C: And He shall stand at last on the earth;**

*P: And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,*

**C: That in my flesh I shall see God,**

*P: Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another.*

**C: How my heart yearns within me!**

**SING: I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.**

(Psalm 107:8-9)

*P: Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,  
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!*

**C: For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.**

(Psalm 103:1-5)

*P: Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!*

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:**

*P: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,*

**C: Who redeems your life from destruction,**

*P: Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,*

**C: Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**SING:** He lives to bless me with His love,  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.

(Psalm 30:1-4)

*P: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me.*

**C: O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me.**

*P: O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.*

**C: Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.**

(Psalm 145:15-17)

*P: The eyes of all look expectantly to You,*

**C: And You give them their food in due season.**

*P: You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

**C: The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.**

**SING:** He lives to grant me rich supply,  
He lives to guide me with His eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint,  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

(Psalm 30:8-12)

*P: I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the LORD I made supplication:*

**C: "What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit?"**

*P: Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?*

**C: Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!"**

*P: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;*

**C: You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**

*P: To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.*

**C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.**

**SING:** He lives to silence all my fears,  
He lives to wipe away my tears  
He lives to calm my troubled heart,  
He lives all blessings to impart.

(Psalm 150:6)

*P: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.*

**C: Praise the LORD!**

(John 14:2-3)

*P: Jesus said: "In My Father's house are many mansions;*

**C: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

*P: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself;*

**C: that where I am, there you may be also."**

**SING:** He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death:  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

(1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

*P: "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"*

**C: The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.**

*P: But thanks be to God,*

**C: who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SING:** He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Children:.....Moon and Sun

First Reading:.....Lamentations 3:18-27

*In the Old Testament God's people were confronted with destruction, left without much of anything following the Babylonian captivity. The prophet Jeremiah, in the midst of the lament, reminds God's people that even when there seems little to hope, the LORD's mercies are new every morning!*

Second Reading:.....Philippians 4:10-20

*The Apostle Paul learned in whatever state he was, whether lacking or flourishing, that God supplied all that he needed.*

Choir:.....Oh Worship the King

Thanksgiving Creed:.....Explanation to First Article

**I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind and all my senses, and still keeps them for me.**

**God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing, and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.**

**God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**