

Cambridge-Deerfield Area Community Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

P Gracious Creator, you have given us so much,

C But too often we take those gifts for granted or as something to which we are entitled.

P You call us to live in caring community,

C But too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second.

P You call us to share our gifts with the world around us,

C But we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.

P For all the times when we mistreat and misuse your gifts,

C For all the times we assume that what we have we get for ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

P God is a gracious giver, God is gracious in forgiveness, God calls us to new patterns and new life. We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN "We Gather Together"

Rev. Jennifer Jelinek

- 1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.**
- 2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!**
- 3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be;
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Text and Music by Adrianus Valerius

THANKSGIVING LITANY

Rev. Marvin Singh

P All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,

C so we lift our hearts up to you, God, in praise and thanksgiving.

P As we count our blessings, and acknowledge your goodness,
C **our hearts go out to those who do not have, and who are in need.**

P We thank you for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators
C **and ask that you supply the needs of those who are hungry.**

P We thank you for jobs that provide for our families and supply the needs of our society,
C **and pray that you would care for those who have no work, or the dignity and purpose it brings.**

P We thank you for opportunities and choices, for meaning and challenges,
C **and pray that you would give a sense of purpose to those who feel trapped.**

P We thank you for family and friends who love us and care for us
C **and pray that you would help us befriend the lonely.**

P The abundance of the harvest is a symbol of the abundance of your love in our lives.
C **May we live in a spirit of gratitude to you and generosity to our neighbor.**

P Loving God, in this season and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart,
C **so that we may acknowledge you as the giver of all that is good in our lives.**

P In the name of Jesus we ask it.
C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Rev. Brenda Lovick



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Holly Slater

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. Almighty God our Father,

C Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Judy Brauer, Ann and Steve Holmes, Robert and Victoria Rockman, accompanied by Betsy Bamlett

READING

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Rev. Richard Dowling

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Rev. Barbara Berg

SERMON

Father David Timmerman

HYMN OF THE DAY

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Rev. Eric Bakken

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**
- 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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THE PRAYERS

Vicar Sarah Key

Each prayer petition concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Eric Bakken

**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 and ever. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING BLESSING

Rev. Brenda Lovick

- L** May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you.
C **Amen**
- L** May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence
and fill your loved ones with peace.
C **Amen**
- L** May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into
the joys of his eternal kingdom.
C **Amen**
- L** And may almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now
and forever.
C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God"

Rev. Brenda Lovick

- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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Rev. Barbara Berg	London Moravian Church
Rev. Richard Dowling	Rockdale Lutheran Church
Rev. Jennifer Jelinek	Grace Lutheran Church
Vicar Sarah Key	Deerfield Lutheran Church
Rev. Brenda Lovick	East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler	Oakland Cambridge Presbyterian Church
Rev. Marvin Singh	Willerup United Methodist Church
Rev. Holly Slater	St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church
Father David Timmerman	St. Pius X Catholic Church

Special Musicians:

Betsy Bamlett, Judy Brauer, Ann and Steve Holmes, Robert and Victoria Rockman from St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church

Thank you!

A big thank you to Robby Cole from St. Paul's Liberty for putting tonight's virtual worship service together for our community to enjoy.

Happy Thanksgiving!