

# KNOX THANKSGIVING SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 8, 2023 (10:00 am)

**“give thanks in all circumstances”**

(1 Thess. 5: 18a)

♫↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♫+ Remain seated to sing

## *WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY*

**Prelude:** “Now Thank We All Our God”

J.C. Oley

## Welcoming

## Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening the Bible

## Call to Worship

True thanksgiving is an attitude, a promise, and a way of life. So come and enter this worship with thanksgiving for one another, all of creation, and for our God, the Creator of All. True thanksgiving is not for a moment, a day, or a season. It is to be lived always and to be lived in all circumstances. Come and celebrate on this day of Thanksgiving. Come and give thanks for every blessing that is ours. Come and give thanks for God as ‘one’.

♫+ **Hymn:** “We Praise You, O God”

VU 218

## Bring Forth the Food During the Singing

## Litany of Thanksgiving

ONE: For all that is...

**ALL: We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

ONE: For joy fulfilled...

**ALL: We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

ONE: For sorrow and pain survived...

**ALL: We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

ONE: For grain from the earth, for rain from the sky, and for our nights and our days...

**ALL: We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

**ONE:** With hearts filled with gratitude, and with songs and prayers that shout ‘Amen’ ...

**ALL: We give you thanks and praise, O God. Alleluia! Amen!**

## Time of Silent Reflection

## Words of Assurance

**ONE:** We have been given the gift to be able to notice God’s wisdom in the wonders of the world and to give thanks. We have been given the gift to be able to see Christ in our neighbours’ faces. We have been given the gift to be able to see the world through God’s eyes and listen to our unique call to serve in our world.

**ALL: We give thanks for our minds, our hearts and our lives that make all of this possible, O God of All. Amen**

♫↑ **Hymn of Response:** “For The Beauty of the Earth”

VU 226

## *WE ENGAGE THE STORY*

♫+ **Hymn of Illumination:** “Open Our Hearts”

MV 21

**Open our hearts, open our minds,  
open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts, open our minds,  
open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts.**

**Scripture Readings:** Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18  
Gospel – Matthew 6: 25-33

**ONE:** Hear what the Scriptures are saying to the church.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**Anthem:** “Joyful Thanksgiving” Words and Music: Joseph M. Martin  
Incorporating Tune: KREMSER

**Reflection** ‘Give Thanks in All Circumstances! Are You Serious?’

**Meditative Music:** “Feuillet d’album”

Denis Bedard

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

🎵↑ **Offering Hymn:** “Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands” VU 537

### Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers for Ourselves and Others

🎵+ **The Lord’s Prayer (*sung*)** VU 960

**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 them  
that 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.**

🎵↑ **Hymn:** “Now Thank We All Our God” \*\* VU 236

## WE GO FORTH

### Commissioning and Benediction

🎵↑ **Benediction Response:** “Walk with Me” (Chorus x2) VU 649

Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through. **(repeat)**

🎵↑ **Closing:** “Threefold Amen” VU 967

Amen, amen, amen.

**Postlude:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” J.G. Walther

\*\* Hymn Survey Favourite

## Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Diane Halkett

Scripture Reader: Charles Hou

Music Director: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Pianist: Patrick Zhu

Ministry of Music: Knox Choir

Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass, Phil King

Livestream Recording: Kevin Wong

Webminder: Debra Danny

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## October 8, 2023

**Title:** ‘Give Thanks in All Circumstances! Are You Serious?’

**Text:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18; Matthew 6: 25-33

**Synopsis:** There is always, always, always something to be thankful for. There are many times when it is really easy to give thanks. Paul declared that even in the darkest of days, there is always blessings to be counted for. If we are honest with ourselves, the call to rejoice and give thanks causes us to pause, think, and maybe even say, “are you serious”. We do not have to give thanks for All circumstances but give thanks In all circumstances. This is the call of our God as disciples of the Word.



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Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness.

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for this land and look forward to relating with them as covenant people  
of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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