

***Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to God
and praise His name.***

Psalms 100 v 4



*Bellflower UMC
Bellflower Christian Church*

*Thanksgiving Sunday
November 24, 2024*

*Psalm 107:1: "Oh give thanks to the
Lord, for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures forever!"*

ENTRANCE

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

131. We Gather Together, v1-3

*1 Thessalonians 5:18: "Give thanks
in all circumstances; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus for you"*

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

From the eagles' aerie, to the fishes' deep –

from the colour drenched leaves,

to the rain drenched street

with our lips,

with our hearts,

with our hands, with our feet –

we sing out, "ALLELUIA!"

we laugh out, "HOSANNA!"

we shout out, "THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!"

For all that was.

For all that is.

For all that will be.

Alleluia. Hosanna! THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!

¹ Written by Richard Bott (Vancouver, B.C.), and posted on *Gifts in Open Hands*.
<https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2012/10/04/366/>

For all that we were.

For all that we are.

For all that we could be!

Alleluia. Hosanna! THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!

So, together we sing...

Let it be.

Together we say...

May it always be so.

Together we shout...

AMEN!

HYMN

2008. Let All Things Now Living
92. For the Beauty of the Earth

Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

PSALM

847. Psalm 126

HYMN

2040. Awesome God

~~INTERCESSORY PRAYERS~~

~~RESPONSE~~

~~Hear our prayer, O Lord.~~

~~Hear our prayer, O Lord.~~

~~Incline Thine ear to us,~~

~~and grant us Thy peace. Amen.~~

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 2:1-7

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-33

MESSAGE

PEACE & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

Colossians 3:15: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalms 107:8-9: "Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

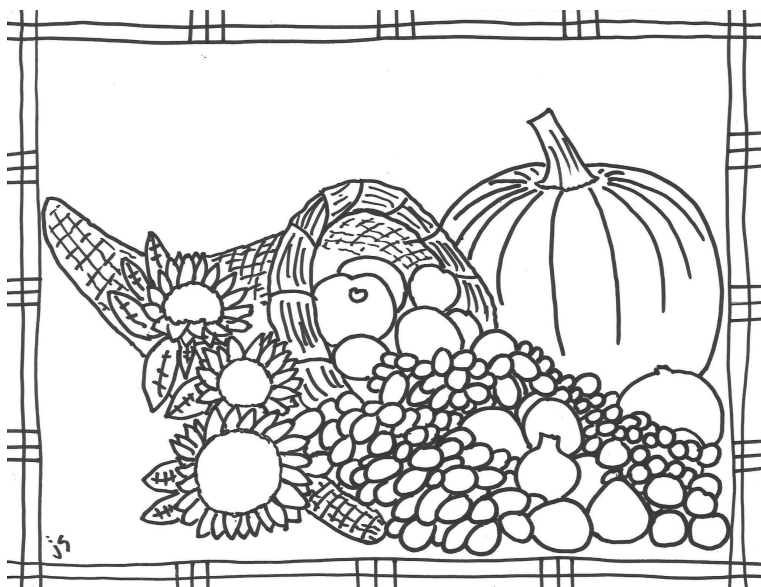
**Give thanks to Creator God
for all that God has done for you.**

In faith, consider what Spirit God
is still doing for you this very hour.
Hold to the sure and certain hope
through Jesus Christ, Son of God,
that you will be loved and cared for
in this life and in the life to come.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.
Go in peace.

CANDLES

672. God Be With You, v1



Every Day With Jesus

This year we follow a Bible reading plan called “Every Day With Jesus”. With four short readings each day, we will have read the entire Bible by the end of the year.

11/24/24	Ezekiel 18:1-19:14	Psalms 125:1-5	Proverbs 27:25-27	James 1:1-21
11/25/24	Ezekiel 20:1-21:7	Psalms 126:1-6	Proverbs 28:1-3	James 1:22-2:17
11/26/24	Ezekiel 21:8-22:31	Psalms 127:1-5	Proverbs 28:4-5	James 2:18-3:12
11/27/24	Ezekiel 23:1-24:5	Psalms 128:1-6	Proverbs 28:6-8	James 3:13-4:17
11/28/24	Ezekiel 24:6-26:6	Psalms 129:1-8	Proverbs 28:9-11	James 5:1-20
11/29/24	Ezekiel 26:7-27:36	Psalms 130:1-8	Proverbs 28:12-14	1 Peter 1:1-21
11/30/24	Ezekiel 28:1-30:8	Psalms 131:1-132:5	Proverbs 28:15-18	1 Peter 1:22-2:17
12/01/24	Ezekiel 30:9-32:16	Psalms 132:6-12	Proverbs 28:19-22	1 Peter 2:18-3:12
12/02/24	Ezekiel 32:17-33:33	Psalms 132:13-18	Proverbs 28:23-25	1 Peter 3:13-4:11
12/03/24	Ezekiel 34:1-36:12	Psalms 133:1-134:3	Proverbs 28:26-28	1 Peter 4:12-5:14
12/04/24	Ezekiel 36:13-37:28	Psalms 135:1-7	Proverbs 29:1-3	2 Peter 1:1-21
12/05/24	Ezekiel 38:1-39:29	Psalms 135:8-12	Proverbs 29:4-6	2 Peter 2:1-22
12/06/24	Ezekiel 40:1-41:7	Psalms 135:13-21	Proverbs 29:7-9	2 Peter 3:1-18
12/07/24	Ezekiel 41:8-43:12	Psalms 136:1-9	Proverbs 29:10-12	1 John 1:1-2:11

Excerpts from *15 Thanksgiving Dinner Prayers and Short Blessings to Use Before the Meal*²

Father, We have gathered to share a meal in Your honor. Thank You for putting us together as family, and thank You for this food. Bless it to our bodies, Lord. We thank you for all of the gifts you've given to those around this table. Help each member of our family use these gifts to your glory. Guide our mealtime conversations and steer our hearts to Your purpose for our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

God, we thank you for the joyful hearts around this table. We thank you for the blessing of abundant food and for the time to enjoy each others company. We are grateful for the hands that have prepared this feast and pause to give praise to your name and thank you for the ways you have shown your love to us throughout this past year.

Thank you, Lord, for this food we are about to share. May it nourish our bodies and strengthen our spirits. In your name, we pray. Amen.

Our Father in Heaven, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering together for this occasion. We give thanks for this food prepared by loving hands. We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all and all other blessings. As we partake of this food, we pray for health and strength to carry on and try to live as You would have us. This we ask in the name of Christ, our Heavenly Father. - Harry Jewell

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.
Amen.

² Cindi McMenamin, Crosswalk.com,
<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/thanksgiving/blessings-to-say-before-your-thanksgiving-meal.html>

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