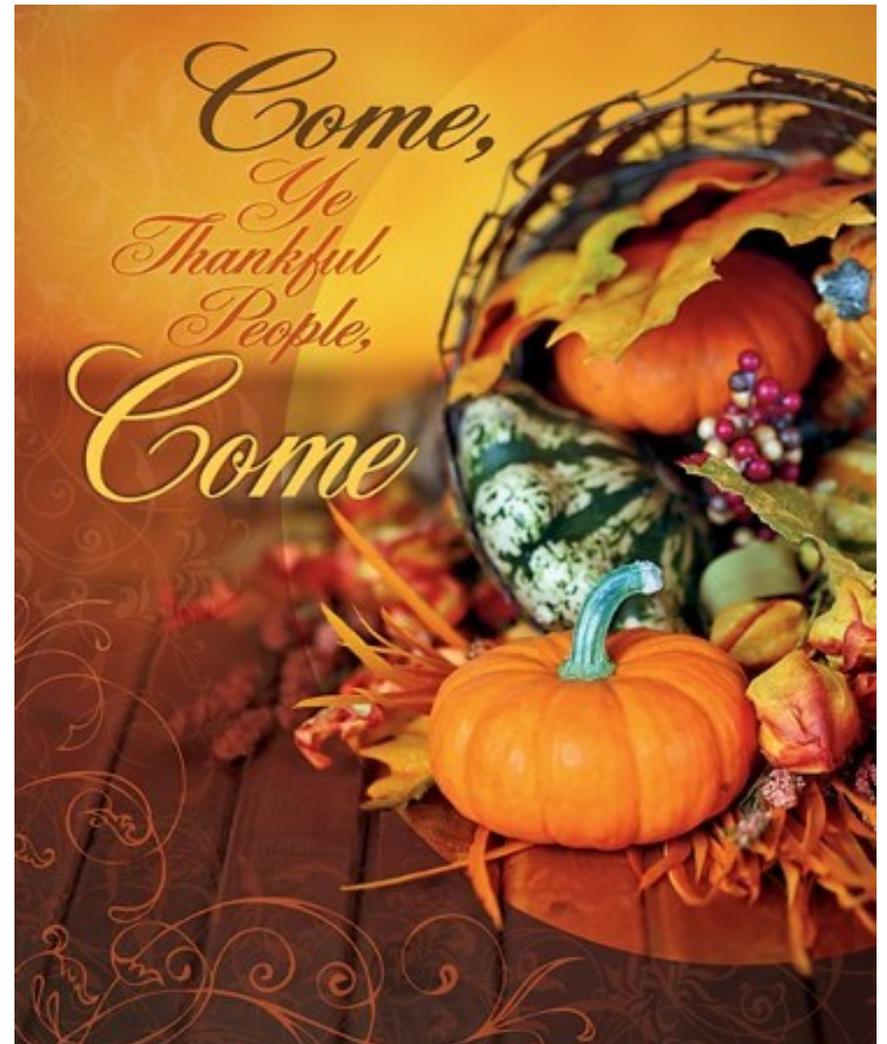




November 21, 2021

10:30 A.M.

O Give Thanks Unto the LORD



Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call to Worship

Hymn of Proclamation

"Come Ye Thankful People Come". Alford/Elvey

Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. #26

Song of Praise

"My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness". Getty/Townend

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

----- God's Renewal-----

Scripture Warning: Romans 3:20, 23; 6:23

Public Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: 1 Timothy 1:15

Song of Renewal: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". . . Chisholm/Runyan

-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: Psalm 107

Prayer

The Sermon: "O Give Thanks unto the Lord"

Hymn: "Thank You Jesus for the Blood"

. Gayle/Kennedy/Musso/Gentiles/McCleery

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Approach

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-25 (Optional)

Holy Communion

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn

"It Is Well". Spafford/Bliss

Benediction

God's Gracious Provision 11/14/2021

Attendance: 53

Offering: \$2631.00

Your offering may be place in the box at the Welcome Table.

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Martin Rinkart

*Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.*

*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 heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.*



and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. ³⁸By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their livestock diminish. ³⁹When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow, ⁴⁰he pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes; ⁴¹but he raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks. ⁴²The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth. ⁴³Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

The context

The return of the people of God from exile

Our Context

Thankfulness, gratitude, is not something which is second nature to us as fallen humans.

This psalm supplies us an unchanging basis for our gratitude. And it finds that unchanging basis for our gratitude in the goodness, love, and loyalty of the Lord — in His nature and in His actions and specifically in His covenant love and loyalty. The final words of the psalm call us to think about God's covenant love and loyalty to us.

A Final Exhortation

Psalm 107:43 (ESV)

"Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD."

An exhortation for us to think about the covenant love and loyalty and faithfulness of God to us. God's providence and God's love do not change. Our circumstances change, our experiences change, our responses to those circumstances and experiences change, and those experiences can even make us to change emotionally and physiologically. Our brains can change under the duress of life, but God's providence, His purpose for good, and His person, His character, His love, these things do not change and therefore, the believer can be grateful at all times.

He will force even the most wicked acts against us, even the most disappointing circumstances, to do His bidding for our good because He loves us and He is faithful.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 21 6:30-8:00 P.M. Young Adult Bible Study at the home of the Deicherts.

Sunday, November 21 Ladies Night Out 5:00 P.M. Lulu Bocci will be sharing at the home of Lisa Frame. A light supper will be served.

Sunday, November 21 7:00 P.M. Coventry Ministerium Thanks giving Service held at Coventry Church of the Brethren, 946 Keen Rd. Local pastors will be sharing brief reflections.

Monday, November 22 7:00 P.M. Men's Small Group at the home of Dave and Lisa Frame.

Tuesday, November 23 6:30-8 P.M. Youth Group will meet at the home of the Deicherts.

Saturday, December 4 6:00 P.M. Prayer Dinner at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb

Sunday, December 19 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer
GCC Prayer Gathering for youth and adults—1300 High St.

Everyone is invited to join with the elders in prayer every Sunday from 9:30-10:00 A.M.

LAOS

The government has extended the COVID lockdown. Pray for the CCI staff and teachers to patiently wait on the Lord for His timing. Pray they will wisely use their time for studying and helping each other as they have the opportunity to show the love of Jesus to one another.



CAMBODIA

Continue to pray for the CCI National Director, Sitha and his family as four of them have Covid.

Pray for a speedy recovery with no serious effects of the virus.

MYANMAR

The *God's Financial Principles Seminar* was taught recently online with 17 pastors from Kachin State. Pray that each pastor will teach this to their people, so they will understand that God owns all our resources, and that we are only the stewards of them.

Prayer/Praise.November 21, 2021

- Pray for Nic Collins, who was in a car accident on his birthday. Nic was hit head-on, but nothing too serious. Pray for strength and guidance from the Lord for his anxiety about the accident.
- Pray for Marcie Nettleton, who had a heart attack and is in Einstein Hospital. Pray for healing.
- Pray for Joe Durant's family, friends of Mike and Mary Row. Joe passed away on November 15th. Pray for strength for his family through this time of sorrow.
- Praise that Eric Yensan's cousin, Ryan, his wife, and their new baby, Aubrey, are all home and doing well. Pray for salvation through Jesus Christ for this family.
- Pray for Ashley Adams, who is having surgery at Brandywine Hospital on November 26th for a dislocated knee. Pray for relief from pain and healing for Ashley.
- Pray for Rindy Lee's sister's family. Rindy's nephew, Jim, may have kidney cancer. Rindy's sister, Liz, has lost movement in her right arm. Rindy's niece, Beth and her family are recovering from Covid. Praise that all have faith in Jesus..
- Pray for Donna Jenkins' nephew, Evan James, who has a very rare disease, CDA. Pray for healing for Evan and wisdom for his doctors.
- Praise that Jill Aument's cousin, Craig, is doing much better! Greg Aument is spending time with Craig, which is a great help for Craig.
- Praise that Austin, stepson of Lorraine Blanski's niece, is home with his family! Thank you for all your prayers and support. Pray for Austin as he navigates his surroundings and his new life.
- Pray for Lorraine Blanski's sister-in-law Kathy. Her liver lesion surgery was successful. Pray for God's healing and wisdom for her doctors to determine why she isn't eating much food.
- Pray for Denny Bartchak. Denny fell and broke an arm and fractured his jaw. Pray for healing from this accident and that he will be able to have the procedure to get the results of his cancer treatments.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker. Pray for healing for Justine through her chemotherapy treatment.

Message

Psalm 107

O Give Thanks unto the Lord

A Call for the Redeemed to Give Thanks

Psalm 107 (ESV)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. ⁴Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; ⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. ⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ⁷He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. ⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ⁹For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. ¹⁰Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, ¹¹for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. ¹²So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. ¹³Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. ¹⁵Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ¹⁶For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron. ¹⁷Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; ¹⁸they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. ¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ²⁰He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. ²¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ²²And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy! ²³Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; ²⁴they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. ²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. ²⁶They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; ²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. ²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ²⁹He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. ³⁰Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. ³¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. ³³He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, ³⁴a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants. ³⁵He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. ³⁶And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; ³⁷they sow fields