

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

November 19, 2017
Six O'clock

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Heavenly Father, I woke up today thankful, and I simply want to acknowledge it; for what do we have that we haven't received from your heart and hand? You're the God from whom all blessings flow, by whom all grace is given, through whom all hope springs up. May a grateful heart beat loudly in my breast this whole Thanksgiving week, and well beyond.

Thank you for the texture and taste of flourless chocolate cake, for hiding my life in Jesus; for deep blue skies on low humidity days; for working in **all** things for our good and your glory; for the pull of a fish on my line; for the angels you deploy daily on our behalf; for the smell of bacon cooking; for Jesus' declaration, "It is finished!", for the sound waves make crashing on the shoreline; for the fact we can trust you with our children; for the sound of loud congregational singing; for sweet potato fries; for a limit on our sufferings; for.... Father, I could go on and on, and I want to and I will...

Thank you for your commitment to finish the work you began in us, and in your creation. Thank you that our coming life in the new heaven and new earth isn't a mental opiate or wishful thinking, sentimental spin or spiritualized hype. It's your promise, and by your grace, it's our inheritance. Thank you for über-awesome hope and countless reasons to be grateful. So very Amen I pray, in Jesus' merciful and mighty name. (Scotty Smith, *365 Everyday Prayers*)

Call to Worship Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Invocation.....Dr. David Jussely

Hymn 715 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Testimonies of Thanksgiving from the Congregation

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Congregation reads the italicized words.)

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

*To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.*

Hymn 116 For the Beauty of the Earth

Scripture Reading Psalm 116

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon..... Dr. David Jussely
“Thanks To the Helper of the Helpless”

Hymn 98..... Now Thank We All Our God

Benediction

Postlude



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