

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 22nd, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

Please have your microphones muted once we start service, thank you.

## Greeting

## Centering For Worship

*Based on the Song, "Count Your Blessings"*

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed  
When you are discouraged thinking all is lost  
Count your many blessings name them one by one  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done

**We sure are burdened with a load of care. This year, 2020, has seen trouble upon trouble at times too hard to bear. If we focus on hardships and problems, we will miss seeing God's blessing. So even in these days, we will count our blessings so every doubt will fly, and inwardly we will be singing as the days go by**

So amid the conflict whether great or small  
Do not be discouraged God is over all  
Count your many blessings angels will attend  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end

**We will count our blessings – a safe place to live, freedom to worship, harvest to gather**

**We will name them one by one – folks who have loved us, taught us, encouraged us**

**We will count our blessings – the love of Jesus saving us, the Holy Spirit guiding us and see what God hath done**

## **Spoken Song of Worship - Come Ye Thankful People Come**

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### *Verse 1*

Come ye thankful people come  
Raise the song of harvest home  
All is safely gathered in ere  
The winter storms begin  
God our maker doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied  
Come to God's own temple come  
Raise the song of harvest home

### *Verse 2*

Come ye thankful people come  
Tell the great things God has done  
We have seen how much He cares  
Let our praises fill the air  
Through the seasons of the year  
His provision has been clear  
Come ye thankful people come  
Tell the great things God has done

**Scripture: Psalm 65 (New Living Translation)**

*Please read as indicated – wherever you fit in*

**For the choir director: A song. A psalm of David.**

*Women:*

What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you in Zion. We will fulfill our vows to you, for you answer our prayers.

*Men:*

All of us must come to you. Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all.

*Workers:*

What joy for those you choose to bring near, those who live in your holy courts.

*Students:*

What festivities await us inside your holy Temple. You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds,

*Retirees:*

O God our savior. You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas.

*Born in spring:*

You formed the mountains by your power and armed yourself with mighty strength.

*Born in summer:*

You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and silenced the shouting of the nations.

*Born in fall:*

Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy.

*Born in winter:*

You take care of the earth and water it, making it rich and fertile. The river of God has plenty of water; it provides a bountiful harvest of grain, for you have ordered it so.

## **Scripture: Psalm 65 (NLT - Continued)**

*Born in an odd month:*

You drench the plowed ground with rain, melting the clods and leveling the ridges.

*Born in an even month:*

You soften the earth with showers and bless its abundant crops.

*Born in an even year:*

You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.

*Born in an odd year:*

The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture, and the hillsides blossom with joy.

*ALL:*

The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep, and the valleys are carpeted with grain. They all shout and sing for joy!

## **Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-31 (New Living Translation)**

### **The Good Shepherd**

“For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search and find my sheep. I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers and in all the places where people live. Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in the lush pastures of the hills. I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign Lord. I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them, yes—feed them justice!

“And as for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign Lord says to his people: I will judge between one animal of the flock and another, separating the sheep from the goats. Isn't it enough for you to keep the best of the pastures for yourselves? Must you also trample down the rest? Isn't it enough for you to drink clear water for yourselves? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? Why must my flock eat what you have trampled down and drink water you have fouled?

“Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will surely judge between the fat sheep and the scrawny sheep. For you fat sheep pushed and butted and crowded my sick and hungry flock until you scattered them to distant lands. So I will rescue my flock, and they will no longer be abused. I will judge between one animal of the flock and another. And I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David. He will feed them and be a shepherd to them. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among my people. I, the Lord, have spoken!

## **Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-31 (NLT - Continued)**

### **The Lord's Covenant of Peace**

“I will make a covenant of peace with my people and drive away the dangerous animals from the land. Then they will be able to camp safely in the wildest places and sleep in the woods without fear. I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing. The orchards and fields of my people will yield bumper crops, and everyone will live in safety. When I have broken their chains of slavery and rescued them from those who enslaved them, then they will know that I am the Lord. They will no longer be prey for other nations, and wild animals will no longer devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will frighten them.

“And I will make their land famous for its crops, so my people will never again suffer from famines or the insults of foreign nations. In this way, they will know that I, the Lord their God, am with them. And they will know that they, the people of Israel, are my people, says the Sovereign Lord. You are my flock, the sheep of my pasture. You are my people, and I am your God. I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken!”

### **Message - God's Promise Stands**

### **Time of Prayer**

# **Song of Worship - Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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## *Verse 1*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

## *Chorus*

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

## *Verse 2*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

## *Chorus*

## *Verse 3*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

## *Chorus*

## **Community Sharing and Closing Prayer**

**Go In Peace!**