

Thanksgiving Day
November 27, 2014 – 10am

Our purpose at Modesto CRC is to joyfully worship and glorify God, lovingly equip, nurture and care for our fellow believers, and earnestly share life in Jesus Christ with others, enfolding them in His church.

Welcome to worship at Modesto CRC. Please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. * denotes standing for those who are able and **boldfaced** type often indicates words to be read aloud by the worshipers. The hymnals found in the pew racks are the Psalter Hymnal (PsH: *gray*) and the Celebration Hymnal (CH: *red*). We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

During the prelude, take a moment to write one thing for which you are most thankful. We will collect the slips and use them during our prayer at the end of the service.

Prelude: "Nun Danket Alle Gott" Cherwien, Bach

*Opening Hymn: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" PsH 527:1-3

*Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Thanksgiving Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" PsH 453

*Prayer of Adoration: unison

Father in heaven, we give thanks for life and the experience life brings us. We thank you for our joys, sorrows, trials, failures, and triumphs.

Above all we thank you for the hope we have in Christ, that we shall find fulfillment in him. We praise you for our country, its beauty, the riches it has for us, and the gifts it showers on us. We thank you for

your peoples, the gift of languages we speak, the variety of people we have, the cultural heritages we cherish. Enable us to use these things for

the good of the human race and to bring glory to you.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Welcome, God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

Choral Anthem: "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing" arr. Greer

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; Rejoice give thanks and sing.

Your festal banner wave on high the cross of Christ, your King.

Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore;

the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost One God forevermore.

Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;

He chastens and hastens his will to make known; The wicked oppressing now

cease from distressing: Sing praises to his name; He forgets not his own.

Thanksgiving Litany with Psalm, Creed & Song: screen

Moment of Reflection

Response: "For the Beauty of the Earth" PsH 432:2-4

We Offer Our Gifts

The deacons will receive our offerings by row as usual.

First they will collect our monetary gifts, then our "slips of thanks"

~To specifically designate your gift please use the envelopes in the hymnal rack and write down to which cause you are designating your offering.

All loose monies will be given to the General Fund~

*Hymn: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" PsH 458

Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (p. 1148)

Sermon: "GOD'S WILL ON THIS THANKSGIVING DAY"

Response: "For the Fruits of His Creation" PsH 455

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Our Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" PsH 638

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" PsH 454

Postlude: "Rigaudon" Campra, arr. Fox

PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Peter Oh
The Adult Choir

Chad Meeuwse
Deb Cimoli – piano