



# HOLY CROSS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

WHEAT RIDGE, CO

**November 23, 2022**

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**7:00PM**



**M**ay this  
Thanksgiving Day  
warm your  
Heart with Joy  
and Gladness.

## The People of God Gather for Worship

### The Welcome

**The Gathering Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"** #839

**The Prayer:** *(repeat three times slowly)*

Breathing in: "I stand in awe..."

Breathing out: "...of all creation."

### The Words of Thanksgiving for The Good Earth

*(Food, water, trees, air, beach, meadows, mountains)*

**The Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"** #879 vs 1

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** (by Walter Rauschenbusch, 1861–1918)

For the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
For the salt sea and the running water,  
For the everlasting hills  
And the never-resting winds,  
For trees and the common grass underfoot.  
We thank you for our senses  
By which we hear the songs of birds,  
And see the splendor of the summer fields,  
And taste of the autumn fruits,  
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,  
And smell the breath of the spring.  
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;  
And save our souls from being so blind  
That we pass unseeing

When even the common thornbush  
Is aflame with your glory,  
O God our creator,  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## II

### **The Words of Thanksgiving for Citizenship and Freedom** *(Country, democracy, peace and international neighbors)*

**The Hymn: "This is My Song"**

#887, vs 1

#### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine; this is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine: but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine: O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a prayer that peace transcends in every place; and yet I pray for my beloved country—the reassurance of continued grace: Lord, help us find our one-ness in the Savior, in spite of differences of age and race.

May truth and freedom come to every nation; may peace abound where strife has raged so long; that each may seek to love and build together, a world united, righting every wrong; a world united in its love for freedom, proclaiming peace together in one song.

### III

#### **The Words of Thanksgiving for Institutional Involvements** (*work, service organizations, schools*)

**The Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation"** #679, vs 1

#### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us join our hands and hearts in gratitude on this wondrous day, where we have the abundance of our lives before us. We remember on this day of bounty all of those who do not have enough, who are afraid, who are lonely, and who suffer. We wish for the abundance of this world to be shared, for fear to become love, for the lonely to feel welcomed, and for the suffering to know rest and joy. For the labors, the love, the care that gave us the delights of this and every day, we say "Thanks!" For the nourishment of our spirit, the challenges that strengthen us, and the friends we have on the journey, we sing "Thanks!" For all that is our lives, for these good gifts, we whisper, "Thanks!" Overflowing with gratitude, let us shout, "Thanks!" Amen.

—**Naomi King**, "A Thanksgiving Blessing"

### IV

#### **The Words of Thanksgiving for Interpersonal Relationships** (*family, friends, diversity, new acquaintances*)

**The Hymn: "All Are Welcome"** #641

#### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

"For family who are friends, and friends who are family...."

### V

## **The Words of Thanksgiving for Spiritual Resources**

*(faith, Holy Cross, scriptures, teachers, music)*

**Excerpt from “The Prayer of Thanksgiving”** by Howard Thurman, 1899–1981

Today, I make my Sacrament of Thanksgiving.  
I begin with the simple things of my days:  
Fresh air to breathe,  
Cool water to drink,  
The taste of food,  
The protection of houses and clothes,  
The comforts of home.  
For all these I make an act of Thanksgiving this day!

### **A Pie Fest of Fellowship and Gratitude**

#### **The Blessing over the Meal: The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen



## **Holy Cross Prayer List**

Earline Bohling	Lynn McCracken	Horace Clair
Bennet Case	Shaundra Rana	Janet Iona
Rex Thomsen	Dorothy Strecker	AnneMarie Hill
Eric Weishelbaumer	The Steinkruger Family	The Buecher Family
Brian Rich		

### **Leading our Worship this evening**

<b>Pastor</b>	Penni Walsh
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sarah Hughes
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Tadd & Kristie Overstreet
<b>Cantor</b>	Beth Letendre
<b>Video Controls</b>	Martin Pipho
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Martin Pipho
<b>Zoom Host</b>	Kelly Eargle

**We are so glad you are here!**

### **Join us on Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/671347885?pwd=OUN1VWpMbXpwS1hERkllaHBScTlpZz0>

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