

*Offer  
from the fullness  
of thy harvest.*



THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21, 1990  
DUKE MEMORIAL UMC

Gathering to Worship  
(A Thought Before Worship)

Thanksgiving is based...on an inner attitude toward life. Life has a dark side and a bright side, and always has, and we must decide which we are going to emphasize. Two girls gather grapes; one is happy because they have found the grapes and the other unhappy because the grapes have seeds. Two women examine a bush; one is unhappy because it has thorns, the other notices the roses and is overjoyed with their fragrance. We see exactly what we train ourselves to see in this life. Our outlook is all important and it is something that depends solely on us. (William E. Park)

May God grant us an outlook on life that comes from an upward look to Him.

Praising God

PRELUDE        "We Thank Thee, O God"                                J. S. Bach

**Call to Worship**

**LEADER:** All people, make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

**PEOPLE:** Serve him with thankfulness and come before him, singing with joy!

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 694** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"  
St. George's Windsor

**LEADER:** Now, let us enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

**PEOPLE:** Give thanks to him and praise be his name.

**LEADER:** For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.

**PRAYER:** (Unison)

Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for this land so fair and free; for this community and the friendship we share. We are a grateful people who have come to this place tonight to become one in worship. Give us a voice to praise your goodness and a will to serve you, now and always. Accept now our offerings of worship as an expression of our gratitude and love for you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* **THE GREETING**

(Please stand and greet those near you.)

Praying Thankfully

The Sharing of Thankfulness

\* **HYMN NO. 131** for Gathering Worshippers

"We Gather Together" Kremser

ANTHEM "The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune" R. Vaughan Williams

**LITANY OF THANKS**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

Leader: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for splendors seen and unseen...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For human life; for talking, moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For work to do and strength to do it. For times of rest and friends to enjoy it...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For the energy and curiosity of children, for their zest for life and capacity for trust...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For growing up and growing old, for wisdom deepened by experience, for memories made pleasant by the passing of time...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For strength in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing of diseases; relief of pain; for stability in times of temptation and danger...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For the people of God; for our life together in the faith; for our common reverence and witness for truth...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For your spirit, who guides your steps and showers us with gifts of love; who even now prays in us and enables our thankful worship...

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord...

People: God's love is everlasting.

**FIRST READING**

Exodus 33:12-17

**SECOND READING**

Book of Wisdom 11:2-5; 17-21

**HOMILY**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"**

Healey Willan

\* **DOXOLOGY NO. 66, Verse 4**

\* **PRAYER DEDICATION**

\* **CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" Nan Danke**

\* **PARTING PRAYER**

\* **Congregation Standing**

We welcome everyone who comes to this Thanksgiving Worship. First of all, we welcome the members of the congregations of the sponsoring churches. We also give a cordial welcome to others from the community who have joined us to give thanks. For one and all, we are delighted you are here.

Immediately following services there will be refreshments served in Whitford Hall. Everyone is cordially invited to join in fellowship.

W. Eric Carson, Pastor  
John Semingson, Director of Music  
DUKE MEMORIAL UMC

Rev. Donald Staib, Pastor  
Bill Lowry, Choir Director  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Dr. Clay M. Warf, Minister  
Rev. J. Harold Craig, Music Director  
TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE OFFERING tonight will, in its entirety, be delivered to the DCIA. THE DCIA is a ministry of the churches in Durham, NC.