

*Soli Deo Gloria*



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***We Give Thanks***



Sunday, November 18, 2018, 5:00 PM  
Saint Francis de Sales Church  
Holland, Michigan

*A gathering of Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer [CUSP]*

**Once a year, Americans set apart the fourth Thursday in November to observe Thanksgiving Day.** This national holiday originates from a feast held in the autumn of 1621 by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag to mark with gratitude the colony's first successful harvest in the New World. It remains a tradition in many American households to celebrate the holiday with a large afternoon meal, usually consisting in roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and sweet corn, among other favorites. The meal is often preceded by a prayer of thanksgiving, in which the one appointed to this task recounts those things for which the members of the household are especially grateful to God.

Christians have used this day as an occasion to acknowledge and acclaim God in public worship as creator and generous provider of all the bounty of life, of "every good and perfect gift," including above all the gift of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world.

We are grateful for the privilege of gathering in this space with Christians from various traditions to worship our God together. May God's Spirit unite our hearts as we thank our God in song and prayer for all the blessings we have enjoyed from God's hand!

*Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer (CUSP) is successor to the team that organized and presented five events in October of last year, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. CUSP is best described by its mission statement:*

In the crucified and risen Christ we are reconciled to God and to one another. This is at the heart of the Christian message to which the Church is called to give witness in the world. Deep and painful divisions among its members today, however, obscure this message and therefore compromise its witness.

Out of a shared commitment to overcome these divisions, CUSP was formed. Located in the Holland community, we are a fellowship of Protestants and Catholics convinced that Christians joining in public assembly to sing and pray together can help to restore and promote our unity. Our conviction is rooted in the acknowledgment that Christian unity is both gift and task. In celebrating together our common faith, we recover a vision of the inestimable gift that God has granted to us in Christ. Renewed thereby in our appreciation of this gift, we go out energized to take up the difficult task of reconciling with fellow Christians whose differences keep us separated.

#### **Participants:**

Worship Leader: Rev. Nate Schipper

Homilist: Rev. Kama Jongerius

Gospel Reader: Rev. Kyle Kilpatrick

Readers: Alyssa Cheadle, Ángel Lopez

Cantor: Phillip Konczyk

The Holland Ecumenical Choir  
a division of CUSP

Music Director: Robert J. Batastini

Organist: Rhonda Sider Edgington

The DeSales Brass

Participants, including choir members, are from the following area Churches: Baldwin St. CRC (Jenison), Bethel CRC (Zeeland), Christ Memorial, Church of the Savior (Coopersville), Church of the Servant (GR), Fellowship Reformed, First Baptist, First United Methodist, Fourteenth Street CRC, Graafschap CRC, Grace Episcopal, Hope Reformed, Maranatha CRC, St. Francis de Sales, Third Reformed, Trinity Reformed

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## PRELUDES

### The DeSales Brass

#### Hymn: *In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful* – Hymnal #539

*Sung by all. Sing English, then Spanish, then repeat the pattern several times.*

#### Choir Anthem: *Now Thank We All Our God* – J. S. Bach

## GATHERING HYMN

#### Hymn: *Come, You Thankful People, Come* – Hymnal #699

*The 3rd stanza will be sung by the choir alone. Sing in either language. Cantar en cualquier idioma.*

### Words of Welcome

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

### Prayers of Reconciliation:



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### Sign of Peace

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

### Joel 2:21-27

*Una lectura del profeta Joel.*

No temas, tierra; alégrate y regocíjate, porque Yavé obra grandes cosas.

No temen, animales del campo, porque los prados del desierto han reverdecido, los árboles han dado su fruto, la higuera y la vid, sus riquezas.

Y ustedes, hijos de Sión, alégrese en Yavé, su Dios, porque él les da la lluvia de otoño para la fertilidad y hace caer agua en otoño y primavera como antes. Las eras se llenarán de trigo puro, los lagres desborden de vino y aceite virgen.

Yo los compensaré por los años que les devoró la langosta y el pulgón, el grillo y la oruga, mi gran ejército, que contra ustedes había mandado.

Comerán y se saciarán, alabarán el Nombre de su Dios, que he obrado con ustedes de modo maravilloso, mi pueblo no será ya jamás confundido, y sabrán ustedes que yo estoy en medio de Israel, yo Yavé, sy Dios, y no hay otro. Mi pueblo ne será ya jamás confundido.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 126:1-6**

For a bilingual refrain, sing the first two phrases in one language, and the last phrase in the other.

El Se - ñor ha es - ta - do gran - de con no - so - tros, y es -  
The Lord has done great things for us;

ta - mos a - le - gres, es - ta - mos a - le - gres.  
we are filled with joy, 7 we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the exiles  
of Sion,  
we thought we were dreaming.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;  
on our tongues, songs of joy. *R.*

Then the nations themselves said,  
“What great deeds  
the LORD worked for them!”  
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad. *R.*

Bring back our exiles, O LORD,  
as streams in the south.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. *R.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
bearing seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back with a song,  
bearing their sheaves. *R.*

Quando el Señor cambió la suerte de Sión,  
nos parecía soñar:  
la boca se nos llenaba de risas,  
la lengua de cantares. *R.*

Hasta los gentiles decían:  
“El Señor ha estado grande con ellos.”  
El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros,  
y estamos alegres. *R.*

Que el Señor cambie nuestra suerte,  
como los torrentes del Negueb.  
Los que sembraban con lágrimas  
cosechan entre cantares. *R.*

Al ir, iban llorando,  
llevando la semilla;  
al volver, vuelven cantando,  
trayendo sus gavillas. *R.*

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**1 Timothy 2:1-7**

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Reader:* Palabra de Dios.

*All:* **Te alabamos, Señor.**

## Alleluia

*All stand. Sung once by soloist, once by choir, then once by all.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

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## Matthew 6:25-33

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

### At the conclusion:

*Reader:* The gospel of the Lord

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Homily

### Choir Anthem: *For the Beauty of the Earth* – John Rutter

### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen

### Prayer of the People

*Reader: (after each petition) We say:*

*All: We give you thanks, O Lord.*

*Or:*

*Reader: Nosotros decimos:*

*All: Te damos gracias, Señor.*

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn: Father, We Thank You Who Have Planted – Hymnal #541*

### Announcements and Acknowledgements

#### Commissioning

*Leader:* Called by God to be responsible stewards of all the blessings that come from the divine hand, let us be people who care for one another and all life, providing for our own needs and the relief of all who suffer want; to the glory of God's name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All: May we respond to God's gracious call with a true spirit of thanksgiving. Amen.*

**Benediction**

*Leader:* May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
And may almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*All: Amen.*

**Closing Hymn: *Go to the World* - Hymnal #452**

*Verse three sung by choir alone*

*Brass Postlude*



*Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer will next gather on January 20th at 5pm to commemorate the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Once again, St. Francis de Sales will be our host.*

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