



**Thanksgiving Worship  
November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
East Mesa 1pm and 7pm  
Gold Canyon 4pm**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING LITANY**

Psalm 126

**ELW 126**

**GATHERING HYMN**

Let All Things Now Living

**ELW 881**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray together

**C: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Joel 2:21-27**

<sup>21</sup>Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! <sup>22</sup>Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. <sup>23</sup>O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. <sup>24</sup>The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup>I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. <sup>26</sup>You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. <sup>27</sup>You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness v.1

**ELW 733**

**SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>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.

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness v.2

**ELW 733****GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:25-33**

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness v.3

**ELW 733****SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY**

Now Thank We All Our God

**ELW 840****OFFERING****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***Each petition is followed by*

P: Gracious God,

**C: We give you thanks.**

P: Above all, let us give thanks for the great promises and mercies given to us and to all the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: To Christ be praise and glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.****THE LORD’S PRAYER****BENEDICTION****SENDING HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

**ELW 879****POSTLUDE**