

ALL-CHURCH
LUNCH TODAY
11:00 am

Monday

6:00 pm Bible Study

4:00 pm OES

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

4:30 pm Prayer Gathering

Happy Thanksgiving

Flowers today
are provided by
Eric & Valerie
Pries in memory
of their son,
Cameron.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Giving Income: \$11,417

YTD Operating Income: \$562,590

YTD Operating Expenses: \$708,405

Discussion Questions on Psalm 103

- 1.) For what have you been prompted to praise the Lord over the three weeks of this series?
- 2.) How does thanksgiving to God keep us from self-centered prayer?
- 3.) Which of the six benefits in Psalm 103:3-5 is most meaningful and helpful to you at this point in your life?
- 4.) How do you deal with the chapters in your life that you regret and wish you could have a do-over?
- 5.) When was a time you experienced God's healing, either physically or otherwise?
- 6.) What brings you the deepest satisfaction in your relationship with the Lord?
- 7.) When have been the times God threw you a spiritual floatation device, and what was your response?
- 8.) Spend time giving thanks to God for all His benefits.

*“Thanksgiving:
God Is Our Savior”*

DECATUR *Grace*

November 21, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Harvest of Praise*

Praise and Prayer

***Call to Worship**

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH #694 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Anthem *Thanks be to God*

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #131 *We Gather Together*

Hearing and Responding

Scripture & Message

*Psalm 103

“Thanksgiving: God Is Our Savior”

Rev. Sig Bjorklund

Invitation to the Offering

1 Chronicles 29:11

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* - Bell Choir

UMH #95 *Doxology*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn**

UMH #140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Congregation please stand as able

Liturgist: Beth A. McLaughlin

Choir Director/Organist: Arlis DeJaynes

Sermon Notes

“Thanksgiving: God Is Our Savior”

Psalm 103

_____ leads us away from _____ prayer.

In this Thanksgiving season, let's not forget these six _____ that come from the _____ of our loving God:

_____ – Verse 3

_____ – Verse 3

_____ – Verse 4

_____ – Verse 4

_____ – Verse 5

_____ – Verse 5

God is _____ to His people; He has _____ us through His _____.

_____ is the natural response to _____.

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

(Time for personal prayer)

O God, we lift our praise before you and ask for the help of your Holy Spirit to make our praise worthy of your goodness.

Praise is due to you, Mighty God, from all creatures who dwell upon the earth.

The sea, dry land, winter cold, summer heat, morning light, evening shade are all good gifts from you and all point to your glory.

All your works praise you and with all your saints we bless your holy name.

May we sit at Jesus' feet in this hour of worship, listening to your Word, being firmly rooted in your Truth.

May our understanding be divinely informed, our affections made holy and heavenly, our motives refined in simplicity and purity and our hearts ever open before you.

We ask that your watchful eye be ever upon your church keeping us from succumbing to our sin nature, from temptations, from daily snares set before us, from the evil intentions of others around us. We pray keep watch over this community and our nation, guide our leaders in your wisdom, encourage first responders and strengthen them in body, mind and spirit, convict and convince hearts of their need for you, blessed Lord.

Save us, O God, in your mercy, deliver those who have fallen into the devil's snares, rescue the children who suffer from the sinful ways of adults around them, grant us grace to pray for both friends and enemies.

Let your church bear witness in this world to your redeeming grace and unconditional love in Jesus that many may come to the dawning of a new day, a new awakening in their souls to the life held out to them in Jesus. In His name we pray as He taught us...

(The Lord's Prayer follows.)

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