

**BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH**  
SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE  
November 23, 2025

**Greg Allen, Pastor**

This morning's message is taken from  
**Select Passages from The Epistle to The Colossians**  
**THANKSGIVING & CHRISTIAN LIVING**

**Welcome!**

*We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service.  
We sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.*

**Order of Service**

*(hymns attached)*

**Welcome**

*Hymn #790, "We Gather Together"*

*Hymn #139, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*Opening Prayer*

*Announcements*

*Church Family Time*

*Special Music: "What Child Is This?"*

**Message**

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:1-7a*

*Hymn #173, "I'm Forever Grateful"*

*Hymn #794, "Let All Things Now Living"*

**Closing Prayer**

# Hymn #790, We Gather Together

*Theodore Baker, Edward Kremser*

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we are winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side-- all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:  
Thy name be ever praised; O Lord, make us free!

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## Hymn #139: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Thomas O. Chisholm*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not.  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

### ***Chorus***

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

### ***Chorus***

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

### ***Chorus***

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This morning's Thanksgiving Sunday message is taken from  
select portions of Paul's Epistle to The Colossians

## THANKSGIVING & CHRISTIAN LIVING

Thanksgiving is crucial to the Christian life (1 Thessalonians 5:18). And Paul's letter to the Colossian believers has several mentions of "thanksgiving". It's a major theme of the letter.

As we skim our way through it, we find that it teaches us that sincere, ongoing thanksgiving to God is a crucial habit for healthy Christian living ...

1. **IT'S WHAT WE DO TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
OUR SALVATION.**  
*(Colossians 1:12; see also Psalm 116:12-13, 16-17.)*
2. **IT'S WHAT HELPS US TO GROW IN THE STRENGTH  
OF OUR FAITH.**  
*(Colossians 2:6-7; see also Philippians 4:11-13.)*
3. **IT'S WHAT UNITES US IN PEACEFUL FELLOWSHIP  
WITH EACH OTHER.**  
*(Colossians 3:15; see also Ephesians 4:14-16.)*
4. **IT'S WHAT SANCTIFIES OUR WORKS OF SERVICE  
TO THE LORD.**  
*(Colossians 3:17; see also  
1 Timothy 4:3-5.)*
5. **IT'S WHAT HELPS TO  
EMPOWER OUR PRAYERS.**  
*(Colossians 4:2; see also  
1 John 5:14-15.)*



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# **Congregational Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:1-7a (nkjv)**

*(Leader reads the italicized text; Congregation reads the boldfaced text)*

*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!*  
*Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.*  
*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;*  
*Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*

**For the Lord is the great God,  
And the great King above all gods.  
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;  
The heights of the hills are His also.  
The sea is His, for He made it;  
And His hands formed the dry land.**

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

**For He is our God,  
And we are the people of His pasture,  
And the sheep of His hand.**

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## Hymn #173: I'm Forever Grateful

Mark Altrogge

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,  
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.  
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,  
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.

### ***Chorus***

*And I'm forever grateful to You,  
I'm forever grateful for the cross.  
I'm forever grateful to You  
That you came to seek and save the lost.*

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## Hymn #794: Let All Things Now Living

Katherine K. Davis

Let all things now living  
A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us,  
Protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us;  
His light goes before us—  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night—  
Till shadows have vanished  
And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces;  
The stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains,  
The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.  
We, too, should be voicing  
Our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living  
Unite in thanksgiving:  
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

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**Thank you for joining us!**

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