

10.21.18

## Worship at The WELL

### Gathering Music

### Welcome and Greeting One Another

**Song for All** "For These Reasons"

### Announcements & Community Connections

*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Pad as it is passed.*

**Song for all** "10,000 Reasons"

**Prayer of The People** (see below)

**A Word from Holy Scriptures** Acts 2: 43-47

*Key verse: "... They ate with glad & generous hearts, praising God and having the good will of all the people."*

**The Message** *Grateful: The Power of giving Thanks*  
Week 3: "Joy and Celebration with Others"

### Response to The Word in Comedy

### Prayer Station

*Today we ask you to turn to someone near you to have a mini-conversation. Here's your topic: Name a time you saw somebody being generous rather than stingy. What happened? How did that act affect you?*

**Now, the offering baskets will circulate.** *Let them pass slowly from you to the next person. Ask for God's help to be generous this week - generous with your time, your affirmations, your willingness to lend a hand, and yes, with your money.*

**Focus Song** Made Me Glad

*I will bless the Lord forever  
I will trust Him at all times  
He has delivered me from all fear  
He has set my feet upon a rock  
And I will not be moved  
And I'll say of the Lord*

*Chorus  
You are my shield my strength  
My portion Deliverer  
My shelter strong tower  
My very present help  
In time of need*

*Whom have I in heaven but You  
There's none I desire besides You  
And You have made me glad  
I'll say of the Lord*

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### A Generous Prayer for All

One: Gracious God,  
You call us to let go of the things we cling to  
and step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision.

**ALL: Give us courage to step out boldly,  
to plant our small seeds generously, and without fear.  
Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine,  
so that, through us, Your kingdom might come  
and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**Song for All**

"Better Than Life"

**Blessing**

**Parting Music**

## **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

Voice 1: O God, we thank you this day for Christians  
who seek to live out their faith in their everyday lives.  
We know that we cannot earn your love,  
but we can respond to your love.  
You call us to live holy lives  
out of gratitude for all that you have done for us.

Voice 2: We thank you for people who find joy  
in the midst of trials and difficulties:  
for the hospital patient who gives hope and inspiration to the visitor,  
for the homeless person who teaches the social worker the meaning of  
faith, for the family that prays together in the face of death.

We thank you for those who endure temptation:  
for the young person who says "no" to a friend who wants to shoplift,  
for the office worker who refuses to join in negative conversation,  
for the company executive who puts justice before profits.

Voice 3: We thank you for those who are ever-generous in giving to others:  
for the child who puts her allowance in the church's mission offering,  
for the young adult at a first job who dares to tithe his new income,  
for the neighbor who gets up at four in the morning  
to shovel his elderly neighbor's sidewalk.

Voice 4: We thank you for those who are quick to listen,  
slow to speak, slow to anger:  
for couples who listen to each other in love,  
for people who count to ten before speaking their minds  
and then speak gently,  
for people who remain calm and loving when others' tempers flare.

**ALL: We thank you for people who live out their faith  
by caring for orphans,  
widows and others in need:  
for foster parents and adoptive parents,  
for those who seek to work for peace and justice  
so that fewer people will be orphaned and widowed,  
for those who share a cup of coffee with a lonely neighbor,  
for those who visit in nursing homes.**

Voice 1: We thank you for people who are doers of the word  
and not hearers only.

O God, may we be counted among them.

Help us to hear your word and to find joy  
in doing what you call us to do.

May we here live our lives in a thankful obedience.

In the vision of Christ, we pray his prayer. . .