# WORSHIP GUIDE - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND - 10:15AM

# Theme: Giving Thanks to God

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

# THANK GOD FOR BLESSINGS AROUND US

#### Congregational Song: To You Alone

Let us join our hearts together and give thanks in one accord. We would glorify the Father and give praise to Christ, our Lord. O, indwelling Holy Spirit, guide our thoughts and tongues we pray, For our pride and selfish vanity too often cloud our praise.

To You alone we sing today; To You alone our prayers we raise. To You alone we give the glory, For You alone, Lord, are worthy of our praise.

O, what joy there is in knowing Jesus Christ is Lord of all, That each step in my life's journey is in answer to His call In the cheerful meditation that His blood has ransomed me, I find hope and reassurance His plan is best for me.

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#### Praising God for His evident work in our midst: [Pastor Steve]

#### Congregational Song: To God Be the Glory

To God be the Glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us his Son, Who yielded His life and atonement for sin And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!*  *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!* 

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood To every believer, the promise of God. The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

# THANK GOD FOR BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

#### Congregational Song: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied – For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand: Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

# Scripture's Testimony of Thanks for the Blessings in Christ: I Peter 1:3-9 [Pastor Joel]

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

# Congregational Song: Jesus Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend The agonies of Calvary You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son Drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin Jesus, thank You The Father's wrath completely satisfied Jesus, thank You Once Your enemy Now seated at Your table Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near Your enemy, You've made Your friend Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Your blood has washed away my sin Jesus, thank You The Father's wrath completely satisfied Jesus, thank You Once Your enemy Now seated at Your table Jesus, thank You

Congregational Song: My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain; Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again; Who crushed my curse of sinfulness And clothed me in His light And wrote His law of righteousness With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside; Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly; Whose ev'ry promise is enough For ev'ry step I take, Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To him who reigns above, Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose ev'ry thought is love. For ev'ry day I have on earth Is given by the King; So I will give my life, my all, To love and follow him.

#### Message: Remembering to be Thankful (Joshua 3 & 4) [Pastor Steve]

**3** Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.<sup>2</sup> At the end of three days the officers went through the camp<sup>3</sup> and commanded the people, "As soon as vou see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.<sup>4</sup> Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before."<sup>5</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."<sup>6</sup> And Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people. <sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.<sup>8</sup> And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan. "<sup>9</sup> And Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God." <sup>10</sup> And Joshua said, "Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites.<sup>11</sup> Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before vou into the Jordan. <sup>12</sup> Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. <sup>13</sup> And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of

all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap." <sup>14</sup> So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup> and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup> the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup> Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

*4* When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, <sup>2</sup> "Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, <sup>3</sup> and command them, saying, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.'" <sup>4</sup> Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. <sup>5</sup> And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, <sup>6</sup> that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' <sup>7</sup> then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever."

<sup>8</sup> And the people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, just as the Lord told Joshua. And they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there. <sup>9</sup> And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day. <sup>10</sup> For the priests bearing the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua.

The people passed over in haste. <sup>11</sup> And when all the people had finished passing over, the ark of the Lord and the priests passed over before the people. <sup>12</sup> The sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the people of Israel, as Moses had told them. <sup>13</sup> About 40,000 ready for war passed over before the Lord for battle, to the plains of Jericho. <sup>14</sup> On that day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they stood in awe of him just as they had stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life. <sup>15</sup> And the Lord said to Joshua, <sup>16</sup> "Command the priests bearing the ark of the testimony to come up out of the Jordan." <sup>17</sup> So Joshua commanded the priests, "Come up out of the Jordan." <sup>18</sup> And when the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord came up from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up on dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks, as before.

<sup>19</sup> The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. <sup>20</sup> And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. <sup>21</sup> And he said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' <sup>22</sup> then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.' <sup>23</sup> For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, <sup>24</sup> so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever."

Cultivating a household of gratitude this week: [Pastor Joel]

**Closing Announcements:** [*Pastor Steve*]