



Salem Evangelical Reformed Church, Hellers

300th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving October 19, 2025

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever; with my mouth
I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 89:1

Prelude

David Andrews
Youth Handbell Ensemble

Choral Anthem—Give Thanks and Glorify His Name! (L. Larson)
Based on Psalms 107:1-2 and 100:4-5

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

Give thanks to the Lord, His faithful love endures forevermore!

God has redeemed you. Sing it out, His love proclaim!

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

Glorify His holy name!

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and enter His courts with your praise; give thanks to God and praise His name. He is evermore the same.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! Give thanks to the Lord, His faithful love endures forevermore!

^{*}Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

God has redeemed you. Sing it out, His love proclaim!

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

Glorify His holy name!

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

Give thanks to the Lord, His faithful love endures forevermore!

God has redeemed you. Sing it out, His love proclaim!

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

Welcome Bill McLain

*Call to Worship—I Chronicles 16:23-24

George Cooper

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Tell of his salvation from day to day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods.

People: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Leader: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

People: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Leader: Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

*Anniversary Hymn—The Church's One Foundation

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Words: Samuel J. Stone

Music: Samuel S. Wesley; Last stanza and choral ending by Richard Kingsmore

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Sung Prayer—Lead Me Home (H. Weeks)

Carolyn McLain

Lead me home, guide my path today, fill my mind with thoughts of Thee. Help me live the way Thy Son would live. Light my way, lead me home.

As I walk today may each step I take bring me closer to You.

Help me find the good as I know You would,

and help me to see through Your eyes.

And give me strength to be my best today;

help me become who You want me to be.

But if I should fall, will You lift me up so I can see my potential in Christ? Will You draw me close into Your glorious light and I behold Your face?

Lead me home, guide my path today. Fill my mind with thoughts of Thee. Help me live the way Thy Son would live. Light my way, lead me home.

*Prayer of Commitment—"Requests" from The Valley of Vision

Elisa Nickel

Congregation in Unison:

Dear Lord,

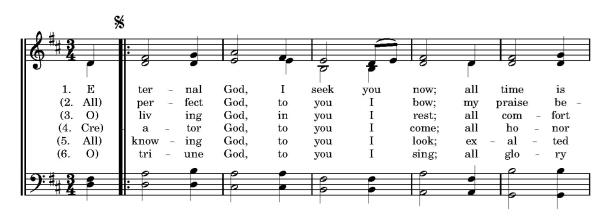
May we never be a blot or a blank in life, cause the way of truth to be evil spoken of, or make our liberty an occasion to the flesh.

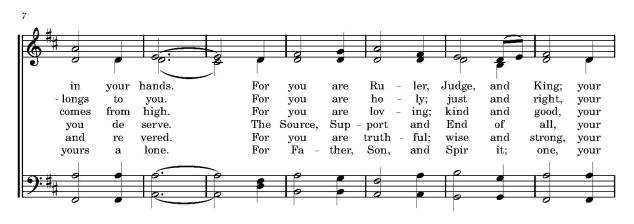
May we by love serve others, and please our neighbors for their good to edification.

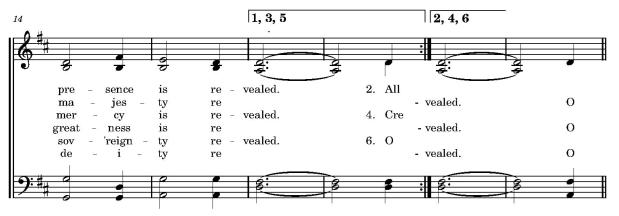
- May we attend to what is ornamental as well as essential in our faith, pursuing things that are lovely and of good report.
- May we render our profession of the gospel not only impressive, but amiable and inviting.
- May we hold forth the way of Jesus with our tempers as well as our tongues, with our lives as well as our lips.
- May we say to all we meet, We are journeying towards the Lord's given place, come with us for your good.
- May we be prepared for all the allotments of this short, changing, uncertain life, with a useful residence in it, a comfortable journey through it, a safe passage out of it.
- May we be in character and conduct like the dew of heaven, the salt of the earth, the light of the world, the fullness of the fountain.
- May we never be ashamed of Jesus or his words, never be deterred from fulfilling a known duty through fear, never be discouraged from attempting it through weakness.
- May we see all things in a divine light so that they may inform our judgments and sanctify our hearts.
- And by all the disciplines of thy providence, and all the ordinances of religion, may we be increasingly prepared for life's remaining duties, the solemnities of a dying hour, and the joys and services that lie beyond the grave.

^{*}Congregational Hymn—Eternal God, I Seek You Now (see next page)

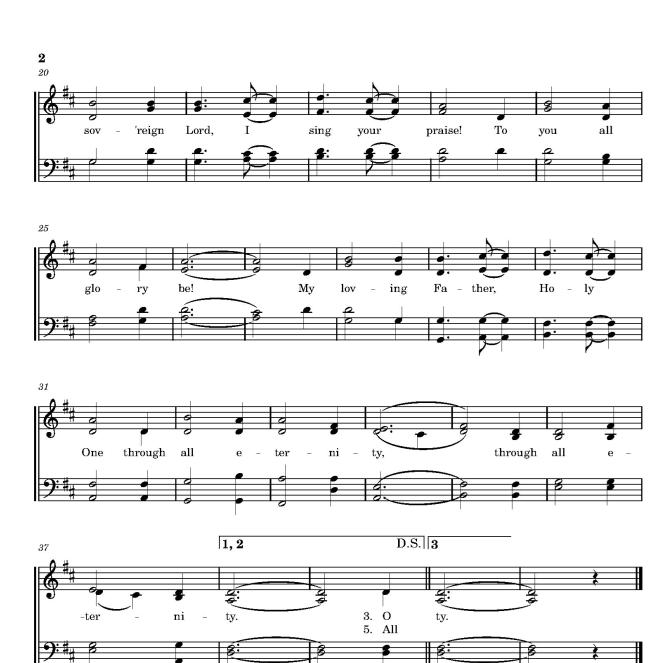
Eternal God, I Seek You Now







Robert Hochstaetter ©1988 Refrain: Carolyn McLain



Choral Anthem—I Will Give Thanks (C. Courtney) Based on Psalm 9, 30, 57

I will give thanks to You with all my heart; and I will tell of all Your wondrous deeds. I will rejoice in You and glad; I will sing the praises of Your name, O most High!

I proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness into the night.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.

My heart is steadfast, Lord, my heart is sure;
I will sing praise to You, make melody.
Among the nations, I give You thanks,
I will sing of You among the peoples, O God.

For great is Your love above the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be over all the earth.

O be exalted, Lord, above the heavens, and let Your glory be o'er all the earth. Awake, my soul, awake, O harp and lyre, for the joy at what Your hands have done, Lord most high.

> For great is Your love above the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O Lord, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.

Sermon Text—Psalm 89:1-5

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:

'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Sermon Text—Hebrews 11:8-12

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

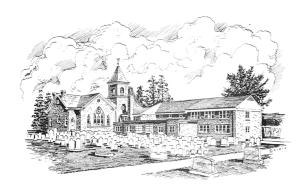
By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Prayer

Pastor Bruce Tully

*Hymn of Response O Church, Arise



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Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



Choral Anthem—Yet Will I Sing (A. Bair) Adapted from Psalm 63

O God, thou art my God, and I seek thee.

My soul thirsts, my flesh faints, and I grow weary as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

O God, thou art my God; wilt thou uphold me?

So I've looked upon thee in thy sanctuary, beholding thy power and thy glory. Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee; yet will I sing.

I will bless thee as long as I live.

I will lift up my hands and call on thy name,
for thou has been my help; thy right hand upholds me,
and in the shadow of thy wings, I sing for joy.

O God, thou art my God, and I adore thee.
I have looked upon thee in thy sanctuary.
I've seen thy steadfast love is better than life;
my lips will praise thee; thus will I bless thee.
Yet will I sing.

*Benediction

Pastor Doug Winne

*Choral Benediction—Benediction (Grier and Everson)

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his light be always in thee.

May he keep you safe from harm, give shelter from the storm,

May he grant you his peace.

May he guide you on your way, bring you joy with each new day.

Lift your voices, with us pray together singing.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May his love be always with thee.

May your faith be ever strong, and shield you from all wrong.

As you go now in peace. Amen.

Postlude



We warmly welcome you to stay after the service...

- general Enjoy a dessert reception in Cowan Hall.
- Stop in the Berean room (at the end of the hall) to see our 300th anniversary video with testimonials.
- Pick up a stained glass brochure at the welcome desk and take a closer look at our amazing stained glass windows.
- Check out the intriguing historical documents, books and memorabilia in our archives room (just off the foyer). Additional items from more recent years are in the basement archives room.
- Enjoy a few moments of silence in the antique pews of the small historical chapel by the basement archives room.
- Pick up a cemetery brochure at the welcome desk and take a walk through our cemetery.

Carolyn McLain, Director of Music David Andrews, Organist and Pianist

300th.	Anniversary	Choir
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SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR
Natalie Bennett	Monica Barbosa	George Cooper
Nancy Dearolf	Joann Cooper	Bill McLain
	Dawn Oswald	Mark Steller
	Sherry Oswald	
Joanne Kinch	Mary Rineer	BASS
Marie Peazzoni	Jenni Simmons	Bob Kauffman
Lee Pelko	Kim Smith	Gerald Oswald
Nancy Rovers	Betty Snyder	Skip Reynolds
Susie Snyder	Sharon Yoder	Rey Rovers
Lorin Wortel	Sharen Tour	Doug Winne
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Youth Handbell Ensemble

Jeremiah Moncaleano

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