

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: **W**e give thanks God of wonder for the marvels of creation that surround us, and for all the wonders of life we have known. Let us listen to God's Word, which reminds us of the many gifts we have received.

Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Response: Psalm 138

*Left: I thank you God, with all my heart;
Sing praise to you before the angels
I worship at your holy temple,
and praise your name because of your constant
love and faithfulness, because you have shown
that you and your word are exalted.*

Right You answered me when I called to you;
You built up strength within me.
All the rulers of the earth will praise you, God,
because they have heard your promises.

*Left: They will sing about your ways and about your great glory.
Even though you are exalted, you care for the lowly. The proud
cannot hide from you. Even when I am surrounded by troubles
you keep me safe; you oppose my angry enemies and save me by
your power.*

Right: You will do everything you have promised me;
God, your faithful love endures forever.
Complete the work that you have begun.

Leader: Before we can express our gratitude, we must take time to recognize and identify the specific blessings that we have received from God and others. Pause now, to reflect on a personal gift, a gift of nature, or a person for whom we are particularly grateful at this moment.

Leader: Let us now offer spontaneous prayers of thanksgiving for those gifts which are dearest to our hearts.

Response: We thank you and praise you, great God.

Leader Lord God, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. From your hand, we have received generous gifts so that we might learn to share your blessings with others. We come to you with gratitude for your kindness. Open our hearts to concern for others, so that we may share your gifts in loving service to them.

All: Amen