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**Thanksgiving Sunday and Christ the King**

***9:45 Gathering with Songs of Praise***

***“In the Arms of My Father”***

There is a place that I know  
Where I need more often to go  
A place of amazing comfort and rest  
Where a smile is never rare

And Your love is as free as the air  
And I lack for nothing  
When I can see the love in Your eyes  
And know that it's all for me  
*I fear nothing at all  
When I'm safe in the arms of my Father  
And if ever I fall  
I take comfort in knowing that you are there*  
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***“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful”***

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful  
In the Lord I will rejoice  
Look to God do not be afraid  
Lift up your voices  
The Lord is near  
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The Lord is near

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## **“You Have Been So Good to Me”**

You have been so good to me  
You have been so good to me  
I came here broken  
You made me whole  
You have been so good  
You have been so good

You have been so good to me  
You have been so good to me  
You have been so good to me  
I came here mourning  
You gave me joy  
You have been so good  
You have been so good  
You have been so good to me

How can I thank You  
There is just no way  
How can I thank You,  
Lord how could I repay  
For Your kindness  
For Your tenderness  
For Your constant presence here with me  
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## **10:00 Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

L: God has said: "This is my resting place forever,

**P: Here I will reside, for I have desired it."**

L: The Lord has chosen us; God desires to live among us.

**P: We are blessed to have God call us home.**

L: With God among us, we will be clothed with salvation;

**P: The faithful will shout for joy!**

L: With a faithful shout, we proclaim Christ our King!

**P: May the corners of the earth hear our cry:**

**Jesus Christ is our King!**

**All: Come let us worship our one and only Savior!**

Based on Psalm 132. Written by Stephen M. Fearing.

## **Opening Hymn**

### **“For the Beauty of the Earth” 92**

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)

4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

5. For thy church, that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

### **Opening Prayer**

**Most High God, majestic and almighty,  
our beginning and our end:  
rule in our hearts  
and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions,  
worshiping the one who comes  
as Savior and Sovereign,  
and who lives and reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession - Sharing the Peace  
“The Family of God”**

**I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,  
I've been washed in the fountain,  
cleansed by His blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family,  
The Family of God.**

***Proclamation and Response***

*Tap on the link for the Scripture to view in BibleGateway.*

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 100 821**

**Glory Be to the Father**

**The New Testament: Selections from  
St.Paul's letters on Thanksgiving**

**Sermon: “The Source of Gratitude”**

**Musical Interlude**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Sending Forth***

**Closing Hymn: “Thank You, Lord”**

I come before You today  
And there's just one thing that I want to say  
Thank You Lord thank You Lord  
For all You've given to me  
For all the blessings that I cannot see  
Thank You Lord thank You Lord

*With a grateful heart with a song of praise  
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name*  
**Thank You Lord I just want to thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord I just want to thank You Lord  
Thank You Lord**

For all You've done in my life  
You took my darkness and gave me Your light  
Thank You Lord thank You Lord  
You took my sin and my shame  
You took my sickness and healed all my pain  
Thank You Lord thank You Lord

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**The Blessing**  
**“King of Kings and Lord of Lords”**

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, glory  
Hallelujah

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, glory  
Hallelujah

Jesus, the Prince of Peace, glory  
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