

*with neighbors seated near you a table blessing that you use at home, or know, or love.*

*We will end this time together by singing:*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in praise and thanksgiving, for God goes with you.

**A: Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**

*A basket for Thanksgiving offering is located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for generously sharing the gifts that God has abundantly given us!*

*The sanctuary will remain open for meditation and prayer. You're welcome to linger here as long as you'd like, before joining us for the community meal located in the Fellowship Hall.*

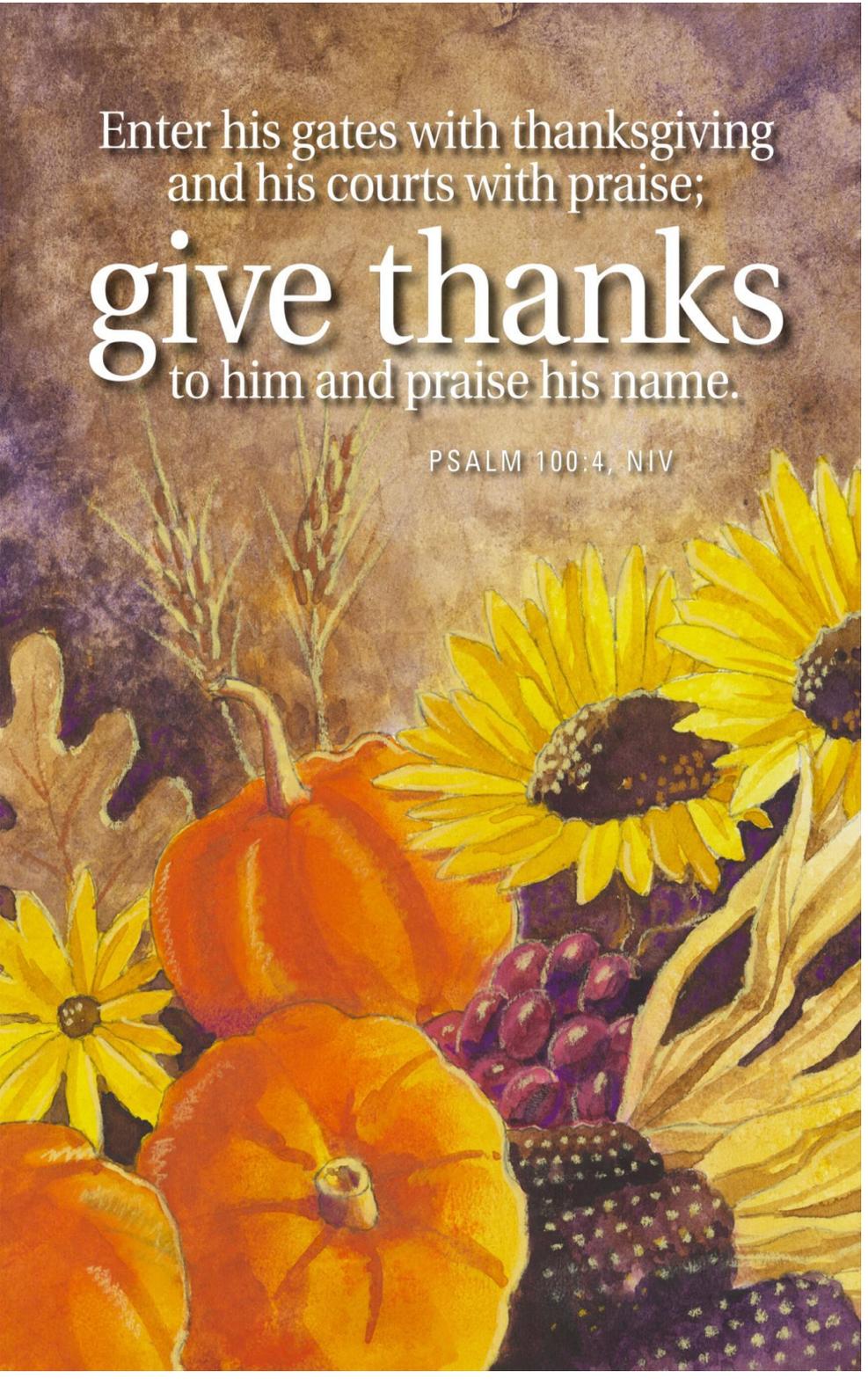
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Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
**give thanks**  
to him and praise his name.

PSALM 100:4, NIV

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **PRAYER**

**All: Almighty God, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love. Give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*-Evangelical Book of Worship*

## **FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION VS 1**

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 100**

## **FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION VS 2**

In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

## **PSALM 103**

## **FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION VS 3**

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 118**

## **POEM: "And the Table Will Be Wide" by Jan Richardson**

Leader: And the table will be wide.

**All: And the welcome will be wide.**

L: And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

**A: And our hearts will open wide to receive.**

L: And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

**All: And we will come unhindered and free.**

L: And our aching will be met with bread.

**All: And our sorrow will be met with wine.**

L: And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

**A: And we will turn toward each other without fear.**

L: And we will give up our appetite for despair.

**A: And we will taste and know of delight.**

L: And we will become bread for a hungry world.

**A: And we will become drink for those who thirst.**

L: And the blessed will become the blessing.

**A: And everywhere will be the feast.**

## **TABLE BLESSINGS**

*As we move toward the wide tables of our fellowship hall to share a meal together, you're invited to share*