

~Word of the Week , from the Call to Worship~

Truly He is my rock and my ola – salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Psalm 62:2 NIV

THANKSGIVING! Kahu Billy Mitchell, November 9, 2025

PULE : Father you are the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. You will not grow tired or weary, and your understanding no one can fathom . You give strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Amene (Isaiah 40:28-31)

The historical purpose of the Thanksgiving day meal and where it has drifted away! Accent should be on thanking God more than the meal alone, setting, trimmings, etc.

PSALM 92:1-2 KJV ¹ It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: ² To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

I THESSALONIANS 5:15-18 NIV ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

PSALM 100:1-5 NIV ¹ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. ² Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵ For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Give thanks before your need is met; while it is being met; and after God has met your need!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9 NASB (our friend at the airport!) (quote on the board on church in Palo Alto) ("When we give God thanks in advance joy is released!") ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all people. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading 'With Thanksgiving' let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all ¹⁴comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers *and sisters*, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

From the good hymn: 'Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ His Son! Amene!