

***Blessings for Thanksgiving**

Pastor Tommy

L: May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you. May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence and fill your loved ones with peace. May the Lord of salvations guide you all your days until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom. And may almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Hymn**

“We Gather Together”

UMH 131

Postlude



We would like to offer a special thank you to all those who participated in this Thanksgiving Service. Those included are the members of the Manistique Ministerial Association, Ecumenical Bell Choir and Organist Cynthia Burgin.

Today's Thanksgiving Offerings are deposited in the Manistique Ministerial Association's Deacon's Fund for use in helping transients and residents with emergency needs.

Thank you for making these ministries possible.

Offertory plates have been placed at the back of the church.

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Prelude	“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”	Ecumenical Bell Choir
Welcome & Opening Prayer		Pastor B.J.
Proclamation of the Day		Fr. Ben
*Opening Hymn	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	UMH 139
*Call to Worship for Thanksgiving		Pastor Nat
L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.		
C: God’s steadfast love endures forever.		
L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.		
C: Make known God’s deeds among the peoples!		
L: God blesses us with gifts of love:		
C: With food and clothing, home and family.		
L: God blesses us with daily work:		
C: And all we need from day to day.		
L: God protects us in time of danger:		
C: And guards us from every evil.		
L: God calls us into relationship with him:		
C: And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.		
L: Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.		
C: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.		
*Hymn	“Now Thank We All Our God”	UMH 102
*Reading from Scripture: Mark 5:19-20		Fr. Ben
Devotional: Storytelling Time		Pastor B.J.
Prayers		Fr. Ben
L: Let us pray: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.		
C: O God, who desires good for all creatures, satisfy our hunger not just for food, but for freedom, truth, justice and love. O Risen Christ, you revealed yourself to us as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people. We dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service. O Holy Spirit, bless these gifts and abide in our hearts so that our gifts and our actions may live out our faith, glorify God, and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen		

Special Music

“Hymn of Thanksgiving” by Robert J. Hughes

Cynthia Burgin

Litany for Thanksgiving

Pastor B.J., Pastor Nat, Pastor Tommy, Fr. Ben

L: As the indigenous peoples of this continent gathered to celebrate feasts to give thanks for all that they had been given by our Bountiful Provider, so we too gather on this Eve of Thanksgiving to offer thanks for all those gifts which the Lord has seen fit to give us, especially for our country, our state and our town.

Almighty and Generous God, we bring before you, in our hearts and on our Thanksgiving table, the gifts and blessings which you have given us this year. And, in humble gratitude, we give you thanks for them. We thank you as well for the blessings which come to us through the peace and prosperity of our nation, our state and our town.

C: We praise you, and we thank you, O God.

L: We acknowledge that as we have greatly received, so are we responsible. Therefore, O Lord, keep us from being unfaithful in our lives as citizens of this nation and as recipients of all that past generations of Americans have bequeathed to us. Help us to be worthy of our ancestors and of our God.

C: Help us, O God, to be faithful.

L: To all the high desires of the pioneers and prophets,

C: Help us, O God, to be faithful.

L: To their belief in the possibilities of a common people.

C: Help us, O God, to be faithful.

L: To their passion for freedom and their readiness to die in its defense:

C: Help us, O God, to be faithful.

L: To their vision of a human commonwealth in which the people of many lands may share:

C: Help us, O God, to be faithful.

L: To their release from the prejudice of an old world and their will to build a new one:

C: Help us, O God, to be faithful.

L: As our ancestors trusted in you, O Lord, and you delivered them:

C: Keep us ever close to you.

L: Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

*Hymn

“My, Country, Tis of Thee”

UMH 697

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE