



Great Thanksgiving II (Discipleship Ministries UMC –
For Labor Day-Adapted)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a good and fruitful work to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, in all places and at all times
and in all our tasks. In our cars, our homes, our
offices, our fields, and our kitchens;
at our tables, our desks, our telephones, and
computers; when we are resting or waiting, laboring
or supervising, following or leading.

All these we do with all your people now on earth
and all the multitude of heaven, praising your name
and joining in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Holy are you and holy is your work among us in
Jesus Christ, who came to be born in the home of a
carpenter, a trade he learned and practiced,
a laborer in our midst.

He called out fishermen and activists. He healed the
servant of a soldier.

He received the support of resourceful women. He
delegated his ministry to his disciples,
empowered all his followers to do his divine work
in this world.

By his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave
birth to your church,
delivered us from the bondage of sin and the power
of death and made with us a new covenant by water
and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he
took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is

my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave
thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the
new covenant, poured out for you and for many for
the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you
drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so as a beloved and commissioned people,
remembering your mighty work in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves, our daily lives, and our unique
locations for ministry in the world-homes and
hospitals, parks and stores, prisons and concert
halls- as a living and holy sacrifice in union with
Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery
of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come
again.**

Prayer of the Spirit

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be
for us the body and blood of Christ; that we may be
for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with
each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your
Son Jesus Christ,
with your Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and forever. Amen.

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

**Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: Lord, we thank
you for this feast and recommit ourselves to your
sacred ministry in the world. As your followers
we pray. Amen.**