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pastor's message

This month we celebrate a day shared by all faiths in America. Thanksgiving is a time when Americans of many different cultures and creeds pause in order to be grateful and give thanks to the source of our blessings. How wonderful it is that this special day rooted in religion is observed by all and has definite inter-faith dimensions. In this spirit I share with you a prayer from the Jewish tradition that is a beautiful expression of the spirit of what this holiday of Thanksgiving is all about.

God of the Universe, creative Source of all being, from You come our blessings from day to day and from year to year. How great are Your love and kindness, O God! The towering mountains and the shaded forests, the abundant streams and the fruitful earth tell of Your endless bounty.

For this land so richly blessed, we raise our voice in joyous thanks. To these shores, Your children have come from many lands to seek liberty and new hope. All have been pilgrims to this western world. Though they did not always practice the justice they sought, here they found renewed purpose, increased strength, and the opportunity to outgrow old fears and superstitions. For our country, for its freedom promised and attained, the richness of its natural blessings, and the growing harmony of its citizens, we give humble thanks.

O God of justice and right, inspire all who dwell in our beloved land with loyalty to the ideals of its founders. Give us wisdom and strength to labor for its well-being, on the firm foundation of justice and truth.

Fill us with the spirit of kindness, generosity, and peace, that this land may be a beacon light to many peoples.

May you and your family have a truly great Thanksgiving.

All praises to God,
Leigh Pezet, Pastor