

Bellingham United Reformed Church
Thanksgiving Day Service
November 24, 2022

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise:

#118B (vv. 1-4) – *The Glorious Gates of Righteousness*

Prayer of Thanksgiving
(end with Lord's Prayer)

Song of Thanksgiving:

#147B – *O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good*

Offering:

Local Missions: The Lighthouse Mission

*Song of Preparation:

#429 – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Prayer for Blessing on the Word

Sermon Text: **1 Samuel 7:1-17**

Sermon: *Here I Raise My Ebenezer*

*Song of Response:

#459 – *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*Benediction

*Doxology:

#136 – *O Thank the LORD, for He Is Good*

Here I Raise My Ebenezer (1 Samuel 7:1-17)

- I. Introduction: Here I Raise My Ebenezer (**12**)
- II. Thankful for Repentance (**1-4**; 1 Samuel 4-6; Acts 11:18; 2 Tim. 2:25)
- III. Thankful for a Mediator (**5-9**; 1 Tim. 2:5; Rom. 8:34; Jas. 5:16)
- IV. Thankful for Victory & Our Certain Hope (**7, 10-14**; Rom. 8:28; Col. 2:15; Rom. 16:20; Jas. 1:17)
- V. Conclusion (**12**; 1 Samuel 8; Rom. 8:38-39)

Questions for Family Discussion

- Read the words of “Come Thou Fount” (TPH 429). What reasons for thanksgiving can you find in this hymn?
- Why is **repentance** something to be thankful for? Can we truly, wholeheartedly repent on our own ability?
- Who is your Mediator, and why is He *better than Samuel*? How *often* does He pray for you? *What* did He sacrifice for you?
- Why did the Lord allow the Philistines to march on Israel *while* the people were repenting? Have you ever considered that the Lord may intentionally raise up difficulties in your life in order to give you victory over them?
- How can we show our thankfulness to the Lord? What does it mean to “*raise*” your own “*Ebenezer*”?
- In what “Rock” is God’s help **personified**? Explain why you will never run out of reasons for gratitude if you always remain focused upon Jesus.