

# PROVIDER\*

*Whatever we have, whatever we need, it comes from God Himself. No exceptions.*

| SCRIPTURE†  | MUSIC‡   |
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| <p><b>Genesis 22:1-18</b><br/><b>Psalm 46</b><br/>Psalm 65:9-13<br/><b>Psalm 103</b> / 103:1-5<br/><b>Psalm 121</b><br/><b>Matthew 6:25-34; Rom. 4:1-8</b><br/><b>Ephesians 2:1-18</b><br/>1 Timothy 6:17-19<br/><b>Hebrews 4:12-16</b></p> | <p>All I Need<br/>Come, Ye Thankful People<br/>For the Beauty of the Earth<br/>God Is So Good<br/>Great Is Thy Faithfulness<br/>My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness<br/>O God Beyond All Praising<br/><b>O God Beyond All Praising (Forrest) SATB</b><br/>O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)<br/><b>Praise Him! (Courtney) SATB</b><br/>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty<br/>Satisfied<br/><b>Sometimes a Light Surprises (Courtney) SATB</b><br/><b>Thanks and Blessings Flow (Fetke) SATB</b><br/>We Gather Together<br/>You Are Always Good</p> |



\* Theme fits well immediately before or after **Protector** theme. NWVBC usually connects this theme to its annual **Harvest Sunday**, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

† Daily preparatory readings shown in **bold**.

‡ Published choral and vocal music shown in **bold**.

## PRESENTING & PROMOTING THIS THEME

### RAIN

*One tangible reminder of God's provision for us is the rain that we receive. As residents of the desert, we understand well the significance of depending on rain. God the Provider is sovereign over the rain, and He uses it to bless and punish people. His Word teaches us that He sends rain on both the just and the unjust. We also see examples of His withholding rain to show His control over nature or to punish wicked nations or people (Ahab). We must humbly thank Him for all that He provides for us.*

**Promotional Post:** [Social media post]

[Insert preparatory Scripture readings.]

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

*God has given to us abundance. Even the least pretentious Thanksgiving dinner that we might prepare is still a great amount of food. Use the meal that we will enjoy after the service as an illustration of God's rich provision. This meal is a symbol of God's provision for our church as a whole and for each one of the families in the church (because the items come from all the families). As you share the meal at church and throughout the Thanksgiving week, think about God Who has provided abundantly for us.*

### THANK HIM NOW

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** | *We are commanded to thank God for everything, so in our service we will take time to give thanks, without asking for anything. Develop and distribute a bulletin insert (and extra handouts) for each member of the congregation to write three specific things they are personally thankful for. Facilitator follows these steps during the theme introduction time:*

1. **Ask** ushers to hand out sheets for all those who have not received one in their bulletin.
2. **Introduce** the idea and **instruct** each person to write down their three specific things. Take a few quiet moments. (Piano may play quietly if desired.)
3. **Invite** representatives to come to the front of the auditorium. (They know who they are.)
4. **Instruct** all to thank God for their three things while those at the front pray, too.
5. Representatives each **pray** thanking God for their three things. (Pastor Jason holds mic.)
6. **Pray** to close the introduction portion of the service.

**Promotional Post:** Join us for our special Harvest Sunday, as we worship and acknowledge the One who has given us absolutely everything we have. These passages can help prepare your heart for expressing gratitude in worship: [Insert preparatory Scripture readings.]



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