Plenty Good Room

A Thanksgiving Reflection

Thanksgiving is a season for pausing, remembering, and giving thanks. We gather around tables with family, friends, and neighbors; we share stories and food; we recall blessings great and small. At its heart, Thanksgiving is a reminder that gratitude is the root of generosity. When we give thanks, we recognize that what we have is gift – and gifts are meant to be shared.

The spiritual Plenty Good Room sings this same truth: "plenty good room in my Father's kingdom, just choose your seat and sit down." God's abundance is not limited to harvests or seasons – it is woven into the very fabric of creation and our life together. At God's table there is not only food enough, but love enough, grace enough, space enough for all.

Scarcity tells us to measure what we lack. Gratitude opens our eyes to see what overflows. When we focus on what is missing, we turn inward; when we give thanks, our hearts turn outward in generosity. Thanksgiving becomes not just a holiday but a practice of stewardship – an ongoing rhythm of noticing God's gifts and sharing them with others.

In our churches, this season is an opportunity to reflect on the many blessings God has given us: the gift of community, the gift of worship, the gift of hope and mission. Every pledge, every offering, every act of service is a way of saying, "Thank you, Lord, for your goodness, and here is my gift in return." Gratitude begets generosity, and generosity creates plenty good room for all.

So whether we are at crowded tables or quiet ones this Thanksgiving, may we pause to notice God's abundance. May we give thanks for those who came before us and for those who will come after. And may we recommit ourselves to being a people who make room – for neighbors, for strangers, for future generations – at God's ever-expanding table.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" — Psalm 107:1 TENS.org

Questions for Reflection:

For what are you grateful today?



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