

## OPENING DISCUSSION

Have you ever forgotten to say thank you?  
How have you responded when you realize  
you did not say thank you?



## SERMON

Why do you think the Psalmist repeats the reason we are to give thanks to God 26 times?

What does it mean that God's love is "steadfast?"

What does it mean that God's love "endures forever?"

How does the Psalmist compare who God is and what God does? Why are these ideas  
so interconnected?

Why is it important to see God's power over creation?

How does the Psalmist use God's past faithfulness as evidence for continued  
faithfulness?

Why do you think people need to be reminded to be thankful?

## APPLICATION

Why is it important to repeat the truth of God's Word to ourselves over and over?

Should we be thankful to God for the things He did in the Bible for others? Why or why  
not?

What does God's steadfast love for Israel teach us about His steadfast love for us?

Do you have to be reminded to give thanks to God? Why or why not? When is it easiest to  
remember to give thanks to God?

What are you most thankful to God for? How will you carry that Thanksgiving into the  
Christmas season?

Not a part of a Small Group at North Hills?

Visit the church website and check out the different groups currently meeting.

When you see one that interests you, click on the link provided  
and know that the group will be glad you came!

<https://church.north-hills.org/connect/small-group-ministry>



## PSALM 136 (ESV)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures forever; and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever; with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever; and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his steadfast love endures forever; but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who struck down great kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; and killed mighty kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; Sihon, king of the Amorites, for his steadfast love endures forever; and Og, king of Bashan, for his steadfast love endures forever; and gave their land as a heritage, for his steadfast love endures forever; a heritage to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures forever. It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever; he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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### *The Psalms of Thanksgiving*

A Time for Thanksgiving: Psalm 136

#### BIG IDEA:

\_\_\_\_\_ all the reasons to be \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

1. Give thanks to God for \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 136:1-9)

2. Give thanks to God for what He has \_\_\_\_\_ and what He is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Psalm 136:10-25)

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to give \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 136:26)

#### RESPONSE:

How have you given \_\_\_\_\_ to God this past \_\_\_\_\_?

**Read the entire Bible chronologically in a year**

See the church newsletter for this week's Bible reading passages.

(<https://church.north-hills.org/newsletters/weekly-newsletter>)

# HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

Join us next Sunday for the Children's Christmas Musical  
and a SPECIAL LUNCH AFTERWARD in Dodson Hall

#### Outdoor Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings

Parents and guardians, we ask that you go to the **main entrance** of the Worship Center to check your child in. After service, please go to the Preschool Playground in a timely fashion to check your child out. While our Sunday morning Children's Worship is designed for children, it is not mandatory children attend. Parents and guardians are welcome to keep their children with them in the Worship Center if they prefer.

#### The FAMILY ROOM

*Want a place to go during the worship service when your young one is crying?*

*Want a place to go when your newborn needs to be fed?*

*Want a place to go where the service can be watched?*

*The Family Room has been designed especially for you!*

The Family Room (located on the first floor by the wooden double doors) is for parents who want to care for their children yet do not want to miss out on what is happening in the Worship Center. Parents, we invite you to come inside and make yourself at home.

We also have another room for parents. It is located on the second floor. It is a larger room where children can play and parents can watch the service as it is live streamed. The room next door has a restroom. Please feel free to use it and let us know if there is anything you need.

Parents, we are so glad you are here at North Hills. It is an honor and joy to serve you and your children. May God bless you today.

#### Communication Cards and Offering Envelopes

At the **main entrance** and **senior parking lot entrance** of the Worship Center, you will find a pedestal box when you leave today. If you have filled out a Communication Card or Offering Envelope, please insert them into either of the boxes (please note the boxes will remain out for 15 minutes after the service). For those who prefer to contribute online, simply go to north-hills.org and click on Support NH or text GIVE to (707) 289-7600.