

Thanksgiving Sunday Worship

November 22, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Michael Wechter

The Call to Worship Psalm 100: 1-2, 4-5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Let us worship the Lord together. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (verses 1&4)* 551

The Call to Prayer of Confession

Our God is merciful, eager to forgive, seeking us out and able to transform. We are quick to voice our pleas and petitions when we find our strength lacking, our health failing, our spirits heavy, yet the Lord is ready to hear us and forgive us. Let us humbly confess our sins to the almighty God.

The Prayer of Confession

On this Christ the King Sunday we confess, Lord of all, that we have often put other priorities ahead of our loyalty to you "When did we see you among us?" We should have seen you in the classmate on the playground whom we did not invite to join our game. Or in the stranger on the sidewalk whom we crossed the street to avoid. Or in the neighbor at the nursing home, whom we left to carry her pain alone. We should have seen you in the man begging for work or a warm meal, in the woman struggling to overcome addiction, in the child seeking refuge from the terrors of violence. But, instead, we turned away. Forgive us, Lord.

Hear us Lord, as we come to you in the silence of our hearts with our own individual intentions (Silence)

Break our hearts for what breaks yours and give us compassion and courage to respond to the suffering of this world.

The Assurance of Pardon Matthew 25:44-45
Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you? Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me. This is the good news Christ render to us in forgiveness. Thanks be to God. Amen!

The Gloria Patri 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Special Music *What A Beautiful Name* Fielding & Ligertwood

The Word of God

The Time with the Children Peggy Knutson

The Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

The Sermon "The Least of These" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (Confession of Belhar)

We believe that Jesus is the Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and glory forever and ever. Amen!

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
The Prayer of Dedication

The Hymn *Lead On, O King Eternal (verses 1&3)* 447

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7 D

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

George Job Elvey, 1859

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home:
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to God's praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take the har - vest home;
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 From each field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied:
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear:
 Give the an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

447 Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6 D

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears;

Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,
 For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light:

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
 With deeds of love and mer - cy The heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.