



Service of the Lord's Day November 21, 2021

God's People Gather

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)

*With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! Masks are required for everyone 3 and older. We invite you to sit anywhere you wish. Some pews with social distance *spacers* have been designated on the lectern side near the front for those who are more comfortable with some distance.*

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude God of Grace and God of Glory -- arr. Krug

Chancel Treble Bells

*Call to Worship

L: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song.

P: **Know this: The Lord alone is God; we belong to the Lord, who made us; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

L: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise; give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

P: **For good is the Lord, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.** (Psalm 100)

*Hymn 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (verses 1 and 2)

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield, wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. (silence) Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

L: Jesus says, "Follow me; I will lead you into life."

*Response of Praise (327)

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem Look At The World -- Rutter

Chancel Choir

Soloist: Danielle Buchanan, Soprano

Look at the world: Everything all around us. Look at the world: and marvel every day.

Look at the world: So many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee O Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see all the gifts we share and every blessing

All things come of thee.

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower. Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain.

Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river field and plain.

Praise to thee O Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see all the gifts we share and every blessing

All things come of thee.

Think of the spring: think of the warmth of summer, bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.

Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Praise to thee O Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see all the gifts we share and every blessing

All things come of thee.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish, comes from the Lord in token of his love;

We are His hands, stewards of all His bounty; His is the earth, and the heavens above.

Praise to thee O Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see all the gifts we share and every blessing

All things come of thee. All Things come of thee.

Scripture Reading Ruth (selected verses)

Sermon "Where You Go, I Will Go"

Rev. W. Carter Lester, Jr.

God's People Respond

***Giving Our Gifts**

Offertory Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing! -- arr. Larson

***Doxology (710)**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you;
And also with you

...

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

God's Sends Us Out

Thanksgiving Proclamation

***Hymn 643 Now Thank We All Our God (verses 1 and 2)**

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response Fourfold Amen**

***Postlude Trumpet Tune -- Corelli**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

The sanctuary flowers are given by Dee Phillips in gratitude for Hank, their family, and everyone who has gone the extra mile during the pandemic.

Being the Church This Week

Today	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Session (after worship)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	HENS (9am-1pm)
	4:30 p.m.	Music/Rec (4:30-5:45pm)
	7:00 p.m.	Cubs/Troop
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Community Room)
	9:00 a.m.	Church Library open during Office hours
	10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Community Room)
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday		Church Office closed
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	F&N Conowingo Dam (9am church parking lot or 10:30 am at the Dam)
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens
	6:00 p.m.	Seekers College Care Packages (6-7:30pm)



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