



An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.
“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

Reign of Christ Sunday

11 a.m., November 22, 2020

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River

Joel Raney

Arranged for Piano and Keyboard by Russell Gross

Welcome & Announcements

Leah Davis

Call to Worship. Psalm 100 (The Message)

Sara Sadler

On your feet now—applaud God! Bring a gift of laughter,
sing yourselves into his presence.

Know this: God is God. God made us; we didn't make God.

We're God's people, God's well-tended sheep.

Enter with the password: “Thank you!” Make yourselves at home, talking praise.

For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

Let us worship God!

Morning Prayer

Sara Sadler

Hymn No. 718

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come †

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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

All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky,
all that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'er flowing stores.

These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow;
and for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple come, raise the song of harvest home.

Lesson from the Prophets (The Message) Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20–24

Sara Sadler

“GOD, the Master, says: From now on, *I myself* am the shepherd. I'm going looking for them. As shepherds go after their flocks when they get scattered, I'm going after my sheep. I'll rescue them from all the places they've been scattered to in the storms. I'll bring them back from foreign peoples, gather them from foreign countries, and bring them back to their home country. I'll feed them on the mountains of Israel, along the streams, among their own people. I'll lead them into lush pasture so they can roam the mountain pastures of Israel, graze at

leisure, feed in the rich pastures on the mountains of Israel. And I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep. I myself will make sure they get plenty of rest. I'll go after the lost, I'll collect the strays, I'll doctor the injured, I'll build up the weak ones and oversee the strong ones so they're not exploited.

“Therefore, GOD, the Master, says: I myself am stepping in and making things right between the plump sheep and the skinny sheep. Because you forced your way with shoulder and rump and butted at all the weaker animals with your horns till you scattered them all over the hills, I'll come in and save my dear flock, no longer let them be pushed around. I'll step in and set things right between one sheep and another. “I'll appoint one shepherd over them all: my servant David. He'll feed them. He'll be their shepherd. And I, GOD, will be their God. My servant David will be their prince. I, GOD, have spoken.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Leah Davis

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Special Music

Will Baskin

Lesson from the Gospels (The Message) Matthew 25:31-46–30

Leah Davis

“When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom. It’s been ready for you since the world’s foundation. And here’s why:

I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.’

“Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’ “Then he will turn to the ‘goats,’ the ones on his left, and say, ‘Get out, worthless goats! You’re good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was homeless and you gave me no bed, I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,
Sick and in prison, and you never visited.’

“Then those ‘goats’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn’t help?’ “He will answer them, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.’ “Then those ‘goats’ will be herded to their eternal doom, but the ‘sheep’ to their eternal reward.”

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Communion

Leah Davis

We will celebrate communion together, remembering we are connected even though we are apart. Bring your own elements to worship and remember that you are Beloved.

Meditation & Hymn Song Celebration for Thanksgiving

(Meditation-Hymn-Meditation)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

KREMSER

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we are winning: Thou, Lord at our side, all glory be Thine?

Arranged for Piano and Keyboard by Russell Gross

Invitation to Give

Sara Sadler

Hymn No. 717

Let All Things Now Living †

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing with glad adoration, a song let us raise;
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Benediction

Leah Davis

Postlude

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It

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Russell Gross on piano

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