

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 22, 2020

Order of Worship 10:30 am



GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful

arr. from Beethoven's Ode to Joy

Catherine Johnson and Jill Schubert, handbells

by Line and Jordan

Will Benton, piano

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

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.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-24

Call to Confession

So accustomed to the world's shadows, we do not think of ourselves as being lost. We are so confident of where we are going, we never ask for directions. But as we confess the lives we truly lead, we discover how scattered we are. So, let us pray together, as we discover the One who has been searching for us.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gathering God, this week, we threw an extra can of (on sale) veggies in our overflowing grocery carts; we donated that old coat we haven't worn in a couple of years to the thrift store; we re-gifted a bouquet to a neighbor in the hospital. Did you notice? Or were you too busy cleaning the guest room for the homeless couple; buying hats and gloves for all the kids in the school near your home; sitting by the bed of a hospice patient after the family left for the night.

We spend so much time patting ourselves on the back, that we do not notice how you are constantly searching the ends of the earth for all your children, Merciful God, even going into the very grip of death to bring us all new life. Give us the faith to live as your people, and the wisdom to let go of all that you have poured into our lives, even as did Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(moment of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

God feeds the hungry and gives hope to the parched.

That's us.

God brings healing to the sick and visits those imprisoned.

That's us.

God wraps warmth around the cold, and knits a sweater for the naked.

That's us.

God loves every person, forgives every person, cares for every person.

That's us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn No. 647

Give Thanks

Minute for Stewardship

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

The children's bulletin is available on the plpc.org and the Park Lake Facebook page.

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 535, Tallis Canon

*Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day,
That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

Seeing Jesus Everywhere

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

Affirmation of Faith

From Brief Statement of Faith (page 3)

Offertory

A Canon of Thanks
Chancel Choir Leaders

Hal H. Hobson

SENDING

Dedication of Stewardship Pledges with Litany of Commitment (page 3)

Hymn No. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
Will Benton, organist

Karg-Elert

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, with love, by Anne Vercheski, Catherine and Rebecca Johnson, in celebration of Dan Johnson's 60th birthday, Donald DeBevoise's birthday and Alison Walker's birthday, today, November 22.

The single rose on the Communion table, is given to the glory of God, celebrating the birth of Sydney Diane Patterson, on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, to Hannah (DeBevoise) and Grant Patterson. Grandparents are Helen and Dan DeBevoise.

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve....

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

....With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Litany of Commitment to God

One: Let us pray. Almighty God, by your holy Word, all that we know has come into existence: our universe, our world, our lives, our loved ones, and all that we have and hold so dear. By your holy Word, you sent forth your Son to bring us salvation through the cross of death and resurrection. By your holy Word, you have called us together to be a Church of love and service in the world. By your holy Word, we know that we live in grace and hope. Keep us ever close to your Word, that it might be written on our hearts.

All: We commit our lives to you, O God.

One: Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope.

All: We commit our hearts to you, O God.

One: Center us in routines that keep us close to you, O Lord. Center us in weekly worship.

All: We commit our daily living to you, O God.

One: Center us in daily prayer.

All: We commit our prayer time to you, O God.

One: Center us in knowledge of your Holy Scripture.

All: We commit our minds to you, O God.

One: Center us in the mission of the church.

All: We commit our outreach to you, O God.

One: Center us in lives of thankful giving and loving for all the blessings which you have poured out upon us.

All: We commit our lives to you, O God.

One: By your word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy, assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glories of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with -
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap -
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his

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to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

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praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

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GIVE THANKS
 Irregular

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.