

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 21, 2021

Order of Worship

10:30 am

GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Minute for Mission

Esther PW Circle

Time of Silence

Prelude

A Thankful Return
Will Benton, organist

Phil Lehenbauer

Choral Introit

Give Thanks

Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn No. 367

Come Ye Thankful People Come

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:1-13

pew Bible, OT, pg. 523

Call to Confession

King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ longs for us to know life in all its fullness, offering us renewal and refreshment, hope and forgiveness. Let us trust in the promise of the gospel as we confess our sin.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, we can list many reasons we have to be thankful: the gift of life, the beauty of creation, our homes, families and friends, the wealth and resources at our fingertips.

But in spite of this, we confess we live without gratitude and fail to be thankful.

We live consumed by worry and fear that we won't have enough - enough money, enough recognition, enough status, enough power.

We are indifferent to the poor - their hardship and suffering.

We are convinced that every benefit we enjoy is a benefit we have earned and deserve.

Lord forgive us.

Remind us of the truth that by your love in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,

by your goodness, we receive blessings of grace,

by your Spirit, we are united to each other.

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Hymn No. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

(Pre-k and elementary children may go downstairs to the Children's library for a worship activity)

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 748, 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

Revelation 1:4-8

Pew Bible, NT pg. 230

John 18:28-38

Pew Bible, NT pg. 106

Sermon

What are you looking forward to?

Dr. Dan DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(page 17, Glory To God hymnal)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Dale Wood

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Siegfried Karl-Elert

Will Benton, organist

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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 in thank-ful 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:

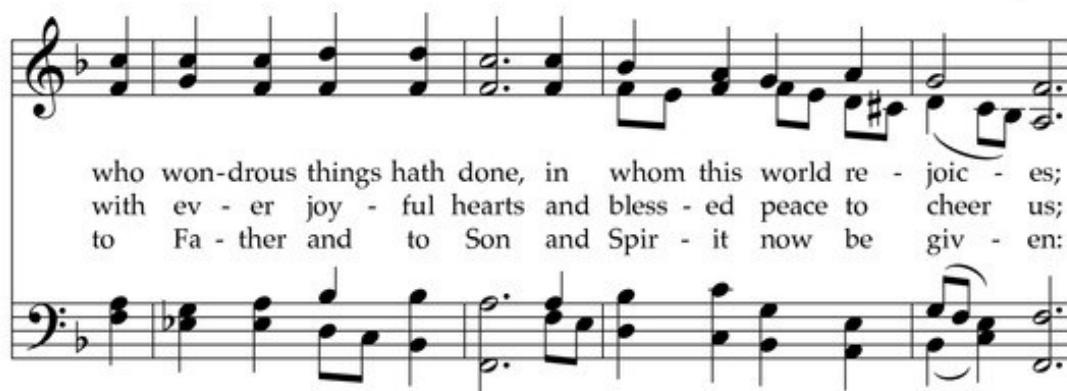
Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless 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 evermore.

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.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.