



Grove Presbyterian Church

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The Reverend Jason Clapper, Pastor

Worship Service

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021 10:15 AM

*Worshippers are invited to sing and read text and lyrics printed in **bold type**. Standing is invited wherever you see an asterisk (*). Please wear a mask whenever indoors*

Gathering Music arranged by Lloyd Larson
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Welcome

Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Prelude by Colin Curtis
”Variations on ‘Kremser’”

Call to Worship (*from Isaiah 58*)

One: God says: “Look, you serve your own interest!”

All: God wants more than for us to just look out for ourselves.

One: God desires to loose the bonds of injustice and to let the oppressed be free.

All: God will guide us continually; we shall work side by side with God.

One: Let us worship God together.

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“We Gather Together”

Prayer of Confession (*Feasting on the Word*)

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger; nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us

the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

We have the grace and forgiveness that we need. May it inspire us, fill us, and help us to walk in God's light.

Choral Response – *congregation sings*

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“Give Thanks”

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 22:1-8

New Testament Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

“Just Mercy”

Moment of Reflection

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 367

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

*Blessing

*Choral Blessing

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.*

*They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.*

Postlude

arranged by Philip Keveren

“How Firm a Foundation”

We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Musical notation for the first system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics and chords.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the

Musical notation for the second system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics and chords.

Ho - ly one, give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus

Musical notation for the third system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics and chords.

Christ his Son. Give Son. And

Musical notation for the fourth system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics and chords.

now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am

Musical notation for the fifth system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics and chords.

rich" be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

Musical notation for the sixth system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics and chords.

us. Give us. Give thanks!

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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.



Flowers today are given by Dave and Cathy Sanders to the Glory of God, in honor of Eloise Sanders' 96th birthday.

Participants in today's service: Merry Hackenberg (worship leader), Christian LaMotte, Shelley Nemeth (deacons), Stephanie Smith Cooney (minute for stewardship), Eloise Bennett, Stephanie Smith Cooney, Sara Triffo (music), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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