



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**November 1, 2020 10:30 a.m.
All Saint's Day**

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Down to the River/Shall We Gather at the River

arr. P. Choplin

Psalm 46: 4: *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place
where the Most High dwells.*

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way. And who shall wear the
starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. Oh brother, let's go down, come on down, don't you
want to go down? Oh brother, let's go down, down to the river to pray."
(attributed to George Allan, 1867; public domain)

"Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; with its crystal tide forever glowing by
the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints
at the river that flows by the throne of God." (by Robert Lowey, 1864; public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2010)

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Bob Clemens

L: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

P: happy are those who take refuge in God.

L: With hearts and hands and voices,

P: let us praise the Lord.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 326**

For All the Saints

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful
as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.
Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways,
tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day.
Amen.**

****Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

****Response – 447**

We Are Forgiven

Moment with Children

Liz Perraud

Word in Art

Word in Music

Amazing Grace
Tom Engle, solo

by J. Newton, 1779; public domain; arr. T. Engle

John 1: 16-17: *Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.
For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22
Matthew 5: 1-12

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Blessed Are

Rev. Scott Hoffman

Prayer of Remembrance

*These dear friends have moved from the church militant to the church triumphant since we last called this roll:
Lloyd Burroughs Jr., G. William Colbert, Samuel Dean, Marilyn DeLand, Fazal Elahi,
Hameed Gill, Isaac Gill, Megan Haupt, Florence Henderson,
Marie Phillips, Eleanor Rickert, Chuck Ridgeway, Randi Van Bommel*

****Hymn - insert**

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit
(tune is Nettleton, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

Offertory

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

arr. R. House

1 Corinthians 15: 51-52: *Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*

*"When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more, and the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair; when the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."
(by James Black, 1893; public domain) (this piano solo: Lillenas Publishing Co, 1986)*

****Doxology - 710**

We Lift Our Voices

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

****Hymn** –insert

God of All People
(tune is Bunessan, *Morning Has Broken*)

****Benediction**

Postlude

Ain't-a That Good News

Traditional Spiritual; arr. L. Shackley

Psalm 96:3: *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

"I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news! I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news! I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross. Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!" (Traditional Spiritual; public domain)
(this piano solo Hope Publishing Co, 1998)

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Welcome back, Pastor Hoffman!!

We welcome back to our pulpit, Rev. Scott Hoffman. Scott has served as pastor and head of staff of Christ Memorial since October 2011. Beginning in June, he took a much-deserved sabbatical. We haven't seen him for four months, which has seemed like a lifetime. As a congregation, we rose to the challenge and kept the church moving (amid a pandemic no less) but we're really glad to see him return refreshed and renewed for leading us in ministry. We look forward to reconnecting with Scott, his wife Ashlee, and daughters Kylee and Natalee.

For All the Saints



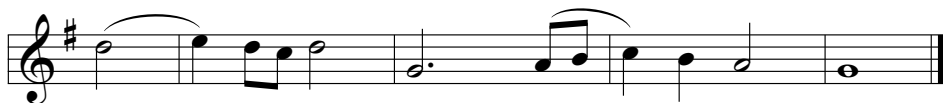
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*

FORGIVENESS

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We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to

G Am7 Dsus D G Am
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.

D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

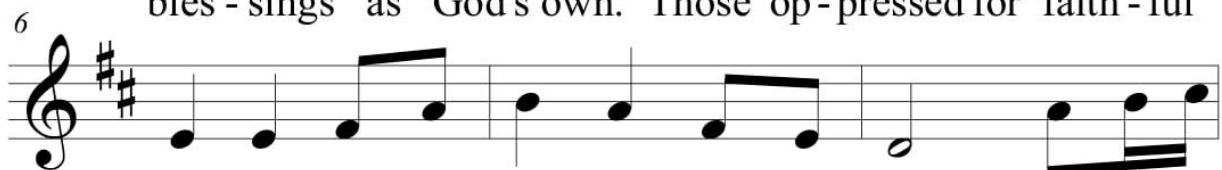
Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit



1. Bles - sed are the poor in spir - it; all God's
2. Bles - sed, too, are those who hun - ger and who
3. Those who share the peace God gives them will find



realm is sure - ly theirs. Those in mourn - ing will find
thirst for what is right. They will not be prone to
bles - sings as God's own. Those op - pressed for faith - ful



com - fort as an an - swer to their prayers. Meek ones
wan - der, for your will is their de - light. Those who
liv - ing will call Hea - ven's king - dom home. When the



whom this world de - spis - es will in -
show God's care and mer - cy will re -
world's ways seem dis - tress - ing and we



her - it ever - y - thing. God, your king - dom still sur -
ceive that mer - cy, too. God, in Christ you show us
feel life's pain - ful sting, God, re - mind us of the



pris - es; may we seek the reign you bring.
clear - ly of the joy we have in you.
bless - ings of the won - drous life you bring.

We Lift Our Voices

We Are an Offering

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We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our
 voice - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.
 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
 voice - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

God of All Peoples

("Morning Has Broken")

God of all peoples, cultures and nations,
God of the poor and wealthy ones, too —
Be with our land as we make decisions;
Help us, we pray, to listen to you.

May we hear well your call to do justice;
May we know all your children have worth.
May we seek leaders who will end violence;
May we choose ones who care for your earth.

May we be thoughtful in our decisions:
Who will be truthful, moral and wise?
Who will restore the streets that we live in?
Who will love those whom others despise?

How will the ones campaigning to lead us
Care for the stranger, outcast and poor?
Will they hear ones who long have been silenced?
Or will they say that wealth matters more?

God, may this time of anger be over;
May we grow past our current divide.
Make us as one, as sisters and brothers;
In this good land, may your love abide.