



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**November 22, 2020 10:30 a.m.**

## Order of Worship

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

### **Prelude**

*We Gather Together*

arr. V. Labenske

Colossians 3:16: *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. I will praise the name of God with song and magnify Him with thanksgiving.*

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own. We all do extol Thee Thou leader in battle, and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be. Let Thy congregation escape tribulation. Thy name be ever praised O Lord make us free."  
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### **Welcome and Announcements**

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

### **\*\*Call to Worship**

Jeff Seymour

L: The Lord God is our shepherd.

**P: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**

L: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

**P: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.**

L: Let us worship God!

### **\*\*Hymn – 612**

*We Praise You, O God*

### **\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **\*\*Common Prayer of Confession**

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. 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**

**Word in Music**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Jennifer Seinfeld, piano solo

arr. L. Larson

Psalm 32:11: *Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.*

Joyful joyful we adore Thee God of glory Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blest. Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest. Thou our Father Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine. Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.  
(words: H. van Dyke, 1907; music: L. van Beethoven, 1874; public domain)  
(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co., 2009)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

Psalm 95:1-7

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Giving Thanks

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**\*\*Hymn - insert**

*We Plough The Fields and Scatter (All Good Gifts)*

**Offertory**

*Thankfulness*

arr. C. Tornquist

(medley includes *For the Beauty of the Earth* and *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*)

Colossians 1:16: *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things were created through him and for him.*

"For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies. For the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise." (by F.S. Pierpoint, 1864; public domain)

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost."  
(words: T. Ken, 1695; music: T. Tallis, year unavailable; public domain)  
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**\*\*Doxology - 710**

*We Lift Our Voices*

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

**\*\*Hymn - 643**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

## **\*\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### *Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. C. Berry

Psalm 97: 12: *Be glad in the Lord, you righteous ones, and give thanks to His holy name.*

"Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way, with countless  
gifts of love, and still is ours today. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son and  
Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven. The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it  
was, is now, and shall be evermore."

(words by M. Rinckhart, 1636; music by J. Cruger; translator: C. Winkworth; public domain)  
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### **Fellowship Hour Following Worship**

We hope to see you there!

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## We Praise You, O God

612

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

FORGIVENESS

447

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.

# We Plough The Fields And Scatter

Words by  
Matthias Claudius  
Translated by  
Jane Montgomery Campbell

Music by  
Johann A. P. Schultz

A D A/C# Bm A E A/C#

1. We plough the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land, but  
 (2. He) on - ly is the Mak - er of all things near and far; He  
 (3. We) thank Thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good; The

5 E/B B/A E/G# A E/B B7 C#m E/G# A6 A B7 E

it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand; He  
 paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the ev - 'ning star; The  
 seed time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food. No

9 E7 A/E E7 E7/G# E7/B A/C# E7/B A E

sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain, the  
 winds and waves o - bey Him, by Him the birds are fed; Much  
 gifts have we to of - fer for all Thy love im - parts, but

13 A F#m Bm E E7 A A A/E A/C# A

breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain. All good gifts a -  
 more to us, His chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.  
 that which Thou de - sir - est, our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

18 E A E7/B A E A E A E

-round us are sent from heav'n a - bove; Then thank the Lord, O

We Plough The Fields And Scatter - 2

22 F#m C# F#m A/C# D Bm A/E E7

1, 2.  
A

3.  
A

thank the Lord for all \_\_\_\_\_ His love. 2. He love. 3. We

# We Lift Our Voices

## We Are an Offering

710

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).



## 643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,  
 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.