

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King Sunday

A Service by the Congregation of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church
November 22, 2020

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the harvest, from seed and sun you have blessed us with a harvest to help feed the world. For this we give you highest thanks. You also offer us seed and sun for the times of famine in our lives. In the times we know the famine of silence and grief, cause us to remember you as the God of harvest. For with you, the faith we offer serves as a seed for the harvest of your life-giving food. In Christ's name. Amen.

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Shaker Song arr. Lee Burswold
Robert Ierley, Cello, Sara Hoey, Organ

WELCOME AND POURING OF WATER

Rev. Eileen Lindner

DEACON'S MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jonathan Yount

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Frank Scarpone

The Lord God is our shepherd.

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

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

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

HYMN *We Gather Together*

**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.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, it is hard to thank you with a head full of worries and a heart full of troubles. Sometimes we have to complain to you before we feel free to love you. O God, our lives can be so difficult. Some of our days have been filled with heartache, loss, confusion, sickness, and death. We wish we could understand why life must be so painful. We know that the hurt has stretched and deepened us. And we know that you suffer alongside and with us. Help us to know the secret of resurrection; show us how to move on from suffering to rebirth. Go with us now as we move on. Dear God, go with us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE *Come into God's Presence*
Come into God's presence singing
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Praise the Lord together singing
"Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb."

Praise the Lord together singing
"Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Adoration

Borowski
Bob Ierley, Cello

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

This is the Gospel of Christ!
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Sight and Vision

Rev. Eileen Lindner

HYMN OF MEDITATION *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.**

**The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace:
it is a Christ-like thing.**

**And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.**

HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

**Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.**

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for Organ

R. Arnatt
Sara Hoey, Organist