



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Christ the King
November 24, 2019
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude

"Now Thank We All Our God" BWV 657

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit

"The Lord Reigneth"

Matthias Young

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Katherine Koops

One: Give thanks to God!

All: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

One: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

All: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

One: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

† Hymn No. 551

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, King of glory and Lord of justice, we confess that when we proclaim your coming, we are quick to envision your judgment for everyone except ourselves. You know, more than we can admit, how many times we have failed to serve you. We have ignored you when you sit begging; we have turned away when you starve to death; we have been all too happy to let your suffering go unnoticed. We have denied your sovereignty and exiled ourselves from the kingdom of heaven. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. *Silent Confession....Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good New of the Gospel.

All: *In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

† Response No. 579

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 23:33-43

pg. 83

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Paradise Found"

Rev. Abernethy

RESPONSE

† Hymn No. 151

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

† Affirmation of Faith

From the Heidelberg Catechism

Our only comfort, in life and death, is that we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our God in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers of the People...concluding with the Lord's Prayer

After each petition, Pastor will say "Lord, In Your Mercy."

Congregation will respond with "Hear Our 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.

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"How Excellent Thy Name"

from *Saul* - George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

† Doxology (#592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

** Please Wait for Pastor & Choir to Stand **
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. Amen.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 423

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

DUKE STREET

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

† Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God" Op. 65, No. 59

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)



MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do

As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community

As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles

Moved by the Spirit, we serve our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.

Upcoming Events

November 28 & 29

Office Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1

5:00 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

December 7

6-9:00 p.m.

Open House at the Ray's

Worship Participants for November 24, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass

Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young

Liturgist - Katherine Koops



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