



Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Online

First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)

November 22, 2020: Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday;

Thanksgiving Sunday with Holy Communion

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE (Livestream):

<https://facebook.com/firstchurchriverside/live>

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *"The Ashgrove"* (by David M. Cherwien) / Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100) / Sarah Overton-Fraser, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

(All) Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

(L) Know that the Lord is God.

(All) It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

(L) Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

(All) Give thanks to him, bless his name.

(L) For the Lord is good;

(All) his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #694 "Come, Thankful People, Come" / All (Led by Peggy McMeans; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit as praise to God we yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
Are to 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.

Verse 3

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take the harvest home;
From the field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Giving angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In the garner evermore.

Verse 4

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring 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.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Rev. J. T. Kim
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (THANKSGIVING) (Adapted from Deuteronomy 5)

Extravagant, generous giver of all good things,
just as you brought the Israelites
into a land flowing with milk and honey –
a land where they could be free
from bondage and oppression,

you have brought us into this good land –
a land with flowing streams,
with springs and underground waters
welling up in valleys and hills,
a land of wheat and corn, of fertile plains,
and majestic mountains.

We give you thanks:

for the bounty that fills our tables,
for the water that satisfies our thirst,
for the beauty of this land
where we are free to worship you
in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / Sarah Overton-Fraser

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19 (NRSV) / Sarah Overton-Fraser, Liturgist
Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ!

INTERLUDE: "*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*" (Music by Eric H. Thiman, Words attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, translated by Edward Caswall); Peggy McMeans, Soloist / Robert Phillips, Organist

SERMON: "GRATEFUL FAITH BRINGS WHOLENESS" / Rev. J. T. Kim

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #2146 "*His Eye Is On the Sparrow*" / All
(Led by Peggy McMeans; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse 1

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely

And long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Chorus

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Verse 2

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Verse 3

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When song gives place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Sarah Overton-Fraser, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Dear Church Family and Friends: I invite you to give your tithes and offerings generously to support our church's missions and ministries. You can give online 24/7 through our church's website: www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving/ Or you can simply mail your offering to the church address. Or you can also drop off your offering envelope into the church office mail slot. Or you may set up automatic draft through your bank. Thank you for being faithful to God through our Church!

(All) Amen!

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON) / All (Led by Sarah Overton-Fraser, Liturgist)

Gracious God, transform these gifts, that they might be your hands and feet in the world. Send us forth as your people, that all that we do, and all that we say, may be a glorious representation of your presence in the world. With gratitude, we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION LITANY

(Pastor) How rich the beauty of the earth! What wondrous things God has done.

(All) We thank thee, now, O God, with hearts and hands and voices.

(Pastor) From our mothers' arms, God has blessed us. From Mother Earth, we are fed and nourished.

(All) We thank thee, now, O God, with hearts and hands and voices.

(Pastor) Along the way, God is with us, offering countless gifts of love through the ages.

(All) We thank thee, now, O God, with hearts and hands and voices.

(Pastor) May God grant grace for our troubled days; and guidance on the journey of life.

(All) We thank thee, now, O God, with hearts and hands and voices.

(Pastor) May our abundant God be ever near; may our hearts be always grateful.

(All) We thank thee, now, O God, with hearts and hands and voices.

(Pastor) How great our praise as the world rejoices.

(All) We thank thee, now, O God, with hearts and hands and voices. Amen!

(Written by Mary Scifres; inspired by Catherine Winkworth's "Now Thank We All Our God," translated from Martin Rinkart's German "Nun Danket")

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(Pastor) Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Please take your Bread and Cup now.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(All) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #664 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”/ All (Led by Peggy McMeans; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse 1

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits
Of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.**

Verse 2

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing in love ever caring,
Embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

BENEDICTION / Rev. J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God” (by David M. Cherwien) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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