

Worship Service November 20, 2022

Welcome and Announcements ~ Annie Crumb

Tuesday ~ There will be an Interfaith Thanksgiving service at 7 pm at the Zion Episcopal Church for anyone who would like to attend it. It will be a chance to meet some of the new ministers in town.

Thursday ~ Happy Thanksgiving! If you would like to join Craig and Kay Keith for a Thanksgiving meal, please let them know. There's still room at their table.



If you would like to receive the link for the Spiritual Gifts Assessment, please let Ken and Theresa Taylor know. There's still time to join in the fun.

One way you can share your gifts is to participate in the Advent Candle-lighting and reading this year. You'll find a sign-up sheet in the vestry.

Lindy Mylott would love to hear from you if you are willing to help at the Manchester Food Cupboard in the month of December.

Any gifts given to missions this month will go toward supporting the United Missions Basic (UMB) ministries that we learned about last week.

Happy Birthday to Lorraine Wilkins on Tuesday, November 22nd and Kay Keith on Saturday, November 26th !

Thank you to Cheryl and John for the flowers today in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary this past Thursday!



Word of Preparation ~ Annie Crumb

Prelude ~ Barb West will play as we sing ***“We Gather Together”*** (#276 in the blue hymnal) and prepare our hearts for worship.

*We Gather together to ask the Lord's blessing
To turn to a wisdom surpassing our own
The powers that oppress us now cease to distress us
O God, be present with us, and make your will known*

*Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you
Ordaining Maintaining the power of life
Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife*

*May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant
Defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.
May your congregation escape tribulation
Your name be praised forever, O God, make us free!*

Words ~ trans. By Theodore Baker (1894), adapt. By Ruth Duck (1981)
Music ~ Dutch melody (16th century) arranged by Edward Kremser, 1877

Call to Worship ~ 1 Peter 1:2-9 (TPT) ~ Annie Crumb

Please join in reading the bold lines.

You are not forgotten,

for you have been chosen and destined by Father God.

The Holy Spirit has set you apart to be God's holy ones,

obedient followers of Jesus Christ

who have been gloriously sprinkled with his blood.

May God's delightful grace and peace

cascade over you many times over!

Celebrate with praises the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has shown us his extravagant mercy.

For his fountain of mercy has given us a new life—

**we are reborn to experience a living, energetic hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

We are reborn into a perfect inheritance
that can never perish, never be defiled, and never diminish.

It is promised and preserved forever in the heavenly realm for you!

Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us
until our full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time.

**May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy,
even though lately you've had to put up with the grief of many trials.**

But these only reveal the sterling core of your faith,
which is far more valuable than gold that perishes,
for even gold is refined by fire.

**Your authentic faith will result in even more praise, glory, and
honor when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed.**

You love him passionately although you have not seen him,
but through believing in him you are saturated with an ecstatic joy,
indescribably sublime and immersed in glory.

**For you are reaping the harvest of your faith—
the full salvation promised you—your souls' victory!**

Song ~ “Come, Ye Thankful People Come” (#718 in the blue hymnal)

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin

God, our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home

All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield

All the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky

All the spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land

All that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'er-flowing stores

These to thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow

And for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise

Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home

Words ~ St. 1 Henry Alford, 1884; St. 2, 3 Anna Barbauld (18th century)

Music ~ George J. Elvey, 1858

Lifting our Praises and Prayers to the Lord ~

Space for notes

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

Song ~ “Give Thanks” (#528 in the blue hymnal)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son
And now let the weak say “I am strong”
Let the poor say “I am rich”
Because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say “I am strong”
Let the poor say “I am rich”
Because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks!*

Choir Song ~ “I Will Give Jubilant Thanks”

Sermon Introduction ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Scripture ~ 1 Corinthians 15:1-28 (NIV) read by Annie Crumb

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you
of the gospel I preached to you,
which you received and on which you have taken your stand.
² By this gospel you are saved,
if you hold firmly to the word, I preached to you.
Otherwise, you have believed in vain.
³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
⁴ that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.
⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred
of the brothers and sisters at the same time,
most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. (Continued)

⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,
⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.
⁹ For I am the least of the apostles
and do not even deserve to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.
¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and his grace to me was not without effect.
No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I,
but the grace of God that was with me.
¹¹ Whether then, it is I or they,
this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.
¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead,
how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead,
then not even Christ has been raised.
¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised,
our preaching is useless and so is your faith.
¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God,
for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead.
But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.
¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.
¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile;
you are still in your sins.
¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.
¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ,
we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
²¹ For since death came through a man,
the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.
²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits;
then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

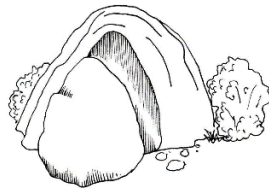
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²⁴ Then the end will come,
when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father
after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.
²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
²⁷ For he “has put everything under his feet.”
Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him,
it is clear that this does not include God himself,
who put everything under Christ.
²⁸ When he has done this,
then the Son himself will be made subject to him
who put everything under him,
so that God may be all in all.

Sermon ~ “Giving Thanks for God’s Great Harvest”

Journaling question ~

*What difference can the reality of the resurrection
make in our everyday life and thinking?*



Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing
“O Praise the Name” (Anastasis)

*I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree
His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone*

Chorus

***O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God***

*Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King*

Chorus

*He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face*

Chorus

***Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God***

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Benediction ~ 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (TPT)