

***REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY***  
**November 21, 2021**

*By calling ourselves progressive Christians  
we mean we are Christians who seek community  
that is inclusive of ALL people...*  
Third Point of Progressive Christianity

**ACOLYTES**

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**PRELUDE**

*Come Ye Thankful People, Come*, Arr. by Joel Raney  
Donna Hood, Piano and John Mattson, Organ

**GATHERING PRAYER**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and merciful God, Jesus your Son came among us  
to show us that your greatest glory is not in your  
power and majesty but in your love.**

**Give us grace to walk humbly before you,  
doing justice and loving kindness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Galatians 3:26-28, Matthew 5:43-48*

**F**or in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

**Y**ou have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest, by Healey Willan*

Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise; With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise. By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move; Sing to the Lord of harvest A song of happy love.	By him the clouds drop sweetness, The deserts bloom and spring. The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing. He filleth with His fullness, All things with large increase; He crowns the year with goodness, With plenty and with peace.	Heap on His sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave, The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls He died to save. Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet ye fall, And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.
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Text: J.S.B. Monsell, 1811-1875, Tune: "Wie lieblich ist der Maien," Nuremberg, 1581

## SERMON

Connecting With Kindness

\*Those who wish may stand\*

## HYMN

\*Those who wish may stand\*

### Lead On, Eternal Sovereign



Lead on, e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we  
Lead on, e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we  
Lead on, e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till  
fol - low in your way; loud rings your cry for  
fol - low with - out fear, for in each hu - man  
sin's fierce war shall cease, and all your saints to -  
jus - tice, your call for peace this day; Through  
con - flict your words of strength we hear: That  
geth - er will sing a hymn of peace; Then  
prayer - ful prep - a - ra - tion, your  
when we serve with glad - ness, you  
all in your do - min - ion will  
grace will make us strong, to car - ry on the  
will not let us fall, our trust is in your  
live with hearts set free, to love and serve each  
strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.  
prom - ise that love will con - quer all.  
oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*...ending with 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.**

## **OFFERTORY REFLECTION**

*Please place offerings in the stationary plates located in the  
Narthex as you leave today, thank you!*

## **DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father (*Creator*), Son (*Christ*), and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\*Those who wish may stand\*

## CLOSING HYMN

### *In Christ, There Is No East or West*

\*Those who wish may stand\*



In Christ there is no East or West, in  
In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and  
In Christ now meet both East and West, in



Christ no South or North; But one com - mu - ni -  
high com - mun - ion find; God's ser - vice is the  
nei - ther slave nor free; For men and wo - men  
Christ meet South and North; One joy - ous, true com -



ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
live in God, and all are kin to me.  
mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1908; alt, © 1981 Grace Jones Moore, Stanza 3: Laurence Hull Stokey, 1987, © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House,  
Tune: McKEE, African-American melody, Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

## BLESSING AND SENDING

## POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*, Arr. by Paul Manz

# Today's Service

Rev. Tim Vander Haar	Pastor
Dr. Michael Match	Choir Director
John Mattson	Organist
Donna Hood	Pianist
Motet Choir	Song Leaders
Addie Witmer	Acolyte
Eleanor Wiles	Acolyte
Tom Linacre	Reader/Prayers of the People
Steve Kartes	Audio
Blake Filius	Video

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