



Happiest of
Thanksgivings!

November 22, 2015
Ten o'clock
Christ the King Sunday

GATHERING

REFLECTION

"How do we measure God's love? The measure of God's love is in his giving. You know, that's the way we measure my love, or your love, in our giving. Have you ever read an obituary or heard a eulogy in which it said how much a person took? It's always how much they give."

Van Cole

PRELUDE

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

Josef Haydn, arr. Linda McKechnie

Chancel Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 100*)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is the Lord that made us, and we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving, and the courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name.

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and faithfulness to all generations.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 268

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Billy Slater.*

Diademata

CONFESSON

COPORATE CONFESSON

Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that "Jesus is King," we often fail to follow him in servant discipleship. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships and material gods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to be a servant in this world, for that is the truth you proclaimed in word and deed.

PERSONAL CONFESSON

In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 336 *"We Gather Together"*

Kremser

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.

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

"The Lord is My Light"

Michael Bedford

Text based on Psalm 27

Children's Choir (BLAZE)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Please note: Children through 7th grade may leave the sanctuary for Sunday School following the Time with the Children. Please exit through the doors on either side of the Choir loft.

PARISH LIFE

Members, friends and visitors, please sign the Friendship Pad in each pew and pass it to the person next to you. The last person will pass the pad back to the first person, who will then please place the sheet in the offering plate. **Worshipers are invited to use the cards in the pew racks for prayer requests so we may share one another's joys and concerns.** The ushers will collect the cards during the hymn following the sermon and they will be offered during the Prayers of the People.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into the life and ministry of FPC the following and their families: Heather Angelo, Jacqueline Bogle, Cheryl and John Lyons, Emil and Lois Schnell.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Strengthen Our Sisters

Ann Jacobsen

ANTHEM

"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"
Chancel Choir & Westminster Choir
Chancel Handbell Choir

Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 8:7-20; John 6:25-35

Page 159, OT and 92, NT

SERMON

"Thanksgiving or Giving Thanks?"

Dr. Sommers

*HYMN NO. 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Nun Danket Alle Gott

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"I Will Give Thanks"
Text based on Psalm 9
Chancel Choir & Westminster Choir

Allen Pote

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 336 *"We Gather Together"*

Kremser

**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!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 340

"This Is My Song"

Finlandia

*BENEDICTION

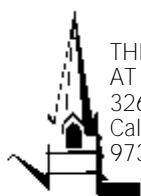
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 336 *"We Gather Together"*

Kremser

**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!**

*THE PEACE

The peace of
And also with



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