

Charles Town Presbyterian Church
Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

7:00pm

Prelude “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” Music by Conrad Kocher

Welcome and Invocation

Song “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*(Refrain) Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

(TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923; Text & Music © 1923, ren 1951 Hope Publishing Company)

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Joel 2:21-27

Psalter Psalm 126

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, author of all blessings we enjoy, You have taught us that neither the experience of present evils, nor the remembrances of former sins, nor the remonstrance's of friends will or can effect a sinner's heart, except you vouchsafe to reveal Your grace and quicken the dead in sin by the effectual working of the Spirit's power. Apart from You we quickly die, bereft of You we starve, far from You we thirst and droop. Help us continually grasp the promise that you will never leave us nor forsake us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Sung Response

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)

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. (Repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

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New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:25-33

Message Pastor John

Special Music The Joy Quartet *“In the Quietness”* by Gary Lanier

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements

Song

“Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’ banners are o’er us; pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration, a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

(TEXT: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.; MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight, 20th Cent.;
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Benediction

Brothers and sisters, as the Church of Jesus Christ, go from this place...

**Knowing Christ, growing in God’s love, and serving as
the Holy Spirit leads.**

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Children's Thanksgiving Offering. This Thanksgiving we ask you to remember children and families experiencing pain, hunger, hopelessness, separation from loved ones. The Apostle Paul teaches us that part of living together in community is reaching out to our brothers and sisters when they face hardships, temptation, or sorrow. Four ministries started by leaders in the Presbyterian Church serve our communities and address the needs of thousands of children each year. By participating in the Thanksgiving Offering Program, our congregation will sustain the valuable services provided by: Edmarc Hospice for Children; Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands; Presbyterian Home & Family Services and the Family Alliance. The Thanksgiving Offering can be mailed to the church office at CTPC, PO Box 89, Charles Town, WV 25414. Note in memo line: Thanksgiving Offering.

The church office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th. Have a safe holiday.

Online Giving. Online giving helps you to bring your offering before God. In addition to the no-fee Facebook donations and nominal fee Paypal service, we set up online giving through the Presbyterian Foundation. **Money donated via any of these services gets deposited to our church bank account.** By going through the Foundation, the fee they charge actually helps the mission of their organization, which is to help Presbyterian churches to be excellent stewards of their gifts and resources. The exciting part about working with the foundation is that we are able to use a mobile app that is connected to our account. The app is called Give Plus (created by Vanco) and you can find it at the Google Play Store if you have an android device or you may find the app in the Apple app store by searching for "Give Plus." The great part about the Give Plus app is that you can set up for weekly, monthly or one time giving! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.

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