

# Unity Moravian Church

November 22, 2020

Christ the King

Thanksgiving

## THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

## HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

Liturgy of Thanksgiving

Dana Myers

HYMN

“We Gather Together”

Text: Dutch Hymn

Tune: KREMSER

*1. 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.*

Let us give thanks to our Creator, who gifted the world with Christ, whom we have crowned King of our lives.

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all God's wonderful deeds!**

**I will be glad and exult in my Savior; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High!**

(Psalm 9: 1 – 2)

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

**For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,**

For all valiant seekers after truth, freedom, wisdom and justice,

**For all who work for reconciliation and peace;**

2. 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!

O Christ, our King, we pray for the many who do not have enough:  
**enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm;**  
**enough employment, or money to pay their bills;**  
**enough medicine or medical care.**

O Christ, strengthen us to live in a manner worthy of the Good News we have received,  
**offering our lives in service of Your kingdom, where the last are first, and the first are last,**  
**and there is grace enough for all.**

3. 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 READING OF GOD'S WORD     [Isaiah 25: 1 – 10](#)

[Dana Myers](#)

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 450

[“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”](#)

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.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto 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.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

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 garner to abide;  
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

\*TEXT FOR THE DAY                      [John 12: 1 – 11](#)

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY                [“Bless Your Heart”](#)

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

WORSHIP BY GIVING

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CONCERNS AND JOYS FOR THE COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER RESPONSE    [825](#)                      [“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”](#)

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen.*

## **FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN 449

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Let All Things Now Living”

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**Watchword Text for the Year**

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people,  
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. II Corinthians 4:15

In essentials **UNITY**, in non-essentials, **LIBERTY**, in all things, **LOVE!**

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