



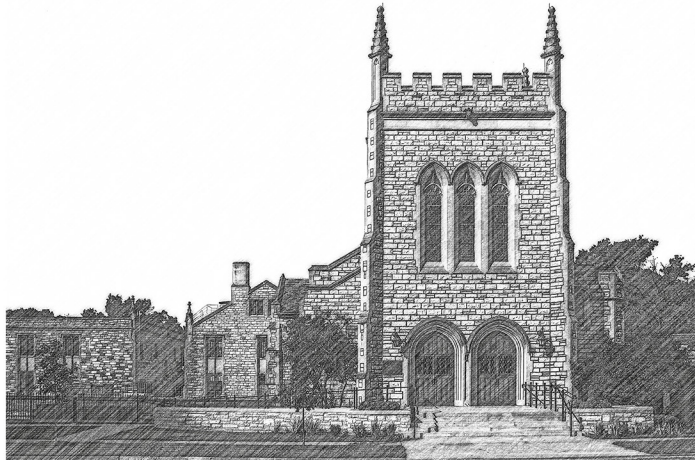
**CENTRAL**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

November 25, 2021

10:00am

Thanksgiving



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# Order of Worship

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

W. Oquin

STANDING (IF ABLE)

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 106:1; 34:3, 8, 10

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever!**  
Come, magnify the Lord with me,  
**and let us exalt his name together,**  
Taste and see that the LORD is good,  
**for those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

**WE PRAISE GOD**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680  
trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863  
Tune: *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth,  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee;  
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him.



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy long - ings have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
Let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly fore' - er we a - dore him.

## WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**  
**He died for us that we might live for him.**

*SEATED*

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

O Almighty, Eternal, Creator God,  
Maker of all things visible and invisible,  
we thank you for the stars of the sky, so vast in number,  
for seasons you sustain by your constant care,  
for your gifts of sunshine, rain, and snow,  
for all the animals who walk, run, fly, and swim,  
for flower, trees, and crops that nourish us with beauty and food,  
for mountains, fields, forests, and all the wonders of the sea,  
**O Sovereign Lord, Maker of heaven and earth,**  
**we give you thanks for the majesty and glory of your works.**

Our Father in heaven,  
we thank you for the blessings of people,  
for the community of the church, our eternal and greatest family,  
for fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers,  
for grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins,  
for faithful friends and companions,  
for colleagues and neighbors,  
for our work, rest, worship, and play together.  
**O Father and Friend,**  
**we give you thanks for community created by your love.**

O Triune Lord of history,  
we thank you for the covenants made with your people of old  
from creation to Abraham to David,  
for the law of Moses, for sages filled with wisdom, for sermons of the prophets  
and their promises of a coming Priest and King.  
We thank you for the arrival of the Son of God,  
who was conceived by your Spirit and born of the virgin Mary,  
who established your promised kingdom,  
proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom in word and deed,  
teaching truth, healing the sick, feeding the hungry,  
casting our demons, setting captives free.  
We thank you for our great High Priest,

who bore all of our sin and shame as the sacrifice for our redemption.  
 We thank you for our conquering King,  
 who rose from the grave as Victor over evil and Defeater of death,  
 who ascended to the right hand of the Father  
 to pour out his Spirit and reign over all creation.  
 We thank you for calling us into your mission by uniting us with Christ  
 and giving us the blessed and certain hope that he will return  
 in exalted power and glory to raise us from the dead and make all things new.  
**O Savior and Redeemer,**  
**we give you thanks for your great and gracious salvation.**  
**To you be blessing and glory forever and ever. Amen!**

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## WE PRAISE GOD

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923  
 Tune: William M. Runyon, 1923



1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fath-er; there is no  
 2. Sum-mer Thy and win-ter and a spring-time my and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear  
 shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee. Thou chang-est not, Thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove, Thou join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright  
 pas-sions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness to Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!  
 Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see:  
 all I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

SEATED

## GOD INSTRUCTS US IN SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:8-12

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup> let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

## GOD INSTRUCTS US IN PREACHING

Sermon Notes:

“Setting the Table”  
Rev. Cole Lescher

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STANDING (IF ABLE)

## Instrument of Peace

Text and Tune: Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Jessica Fox, Orlando Palmer,  
Paul Zach © 2020 Integrity Worship Music/PG Songs and Hymns/  
ASCAP, Integrity's Alleluia! Music/Paul Zach Pub./Porter's Gate  
Pub./SESAC, Integrity's Praise! Music/Porter's Gate Pub./BMI

All sing:

Lord, make me an in - stru-ment of peace, an in - stru-ment of peace.

Lord, make me an in - stru-ment of peace, an in - stru-ment of peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is darkness, let me sow light.  
For in the giving we shall receive,  
And in the dying we're given life.

All sing:

Lord, make me an in - stru-ment of peace, an in - stru-ment of peace.

Lord, make me an in - stru-ment of peace, an in - stru-ment of peace.

Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope.  
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.  
Where there is injury, Your pardon give,  
Your consolation to those in pain. Amen.

All sing:

Lord, make me an in - stru-ment of peace, an in - stru-ment of peace.

Lord, make me an in - stru-ment of peace, an in - stru-ment of peace.

## WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

(prayers of praise and thanks for his goodness and faithfulness)

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

(prayers for God's rule and reign to become a reality)

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

(prayers for God's daily provision in our lives)

**and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

(prayers of confession of our sins and forgiveness for people who have wronged us)

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

(prayers asking God to be our guide in paths of righteousness and to protect us from schemes and strategies of Satan)

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

**AMEN!**

## GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

And all God's people said...

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

## Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709  
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;  
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - men.

## POSTLUDE

## Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

**Musicians:** Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano and organ*; Jill Clayton, *vocals*

**Readers:** Julie Geisz, Levi Holmes, Veeda Holmes

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